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VILLA AGREES TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES

WILL NOT ENTER THE CITY OF JUAREZ

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—Francisco Villa has agreed to come to the United States but will not pass through Juarez, according to General Manuel Banda. This information was contained in a statement by Banda made at the conclusion of a conference of former Villa officers today in Juarez.

Washington, Dec. 22.—American troops at El Paso, the war department announced today, have been given orders to "return vigorously any further deliberate firing" from the Mexican side of the border.

General Pershing, in command at El Paso has reported that the firing which resulted late yesterday in the death of an American air inspector, was the deliberate act of a squad of Mexicans who appeared half a mile east of the International border.

American troops, the report added, were covering the whole river front.

During the rioting in Juarez, the report said, there had been the American side.

General Avila, who was in charge of the troops in Juarez ordered several of the rioters shot, according to military reports from the border.

A state department agent at El Paso reported that the American air inspector was killed by an irresponsible soldier who was afterward killed by his own men.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The release of the thirty Americans detained at Chihuahua by General Villa became known today as a condition imposed on Villa in granting him permission to cross the American boundary. Advice that the Americans had been liberated strengthened the state department belief that Villa intends to avail himself of the opportunity to escape from Mexico.

Nothing definite regarding Villa's whereabouts had been reported to the department today. Some business was manifested after receipt of advices that additional Villa troops were moving towards Juarez, but government officials felt that Juarez soon would be in Carranza's possession.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—(Continued On Page Six)

The Young Lady Across the Way



The young lady across the way says she doesn't see much sense in buying yourself and trying to save money for your old age when all you would have to do when that time comes would be to purchase an annuity and live quite comfortably on it.

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U. S. INSISTS ON DISAVOWAL OF ANCONA TRAGEDY

CAPTAIN VON PAPEN PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN SOLDIERS; TAKES DEPARTURE

New York, Dec. 22.—Captain Franz Von Papen, Germany's recalled military attaché, left New York for Rotterdam today on the steamship Noordam, bearing a safe conduct to Germany from the entente allies. Departing, he issued this final statement to the American people:

"In leaving this country where I have received so many proofs of kindness and hospitality from Americans and others I deem it my duty to thank all those who did not permit their friendly personal feelings to be poisoned by the hatred created by the war among the nations.

"My thoughts turn back today expressly to those unforgettable days when I had the honor and good fortune to spend some time with the expeditionary force at Vera Cruz where I learned to admire the splendid soldierly quality and devotion to duty of the United States army.

"Personally speaking no greater satisfaction could be given to me than the fulfillment of my ar-

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ARGO HELD AS PRIZE STEAMER

London, Dec. 22.—The steamship Argo has been taken into a German port by a prize crew, the Exchange Telegraph Company's Copenhagen correspondent says. The Argo put into the Danish port of Aarhus on Monday after having been in collision with a German torpedo boat which fired several shots in an attempt to stop her. She sailed from Aarhus on the following day. The despatch says two German torpedo boats pursued her into Swedish waters and boarded her, declaring her a prize of war. Ten men were left on the Argo to take her to Germany.

The Argo's cargo consists of tools for Russia, manufactured in Denmark. The Swedish government, according to this account, has instructed its minister at Berlin to make an investigation.

Mrs. George Schirrmann of Seventh street, who has been ill some time is considerably improved.

A BIG INCREASE IN U. S. FOREIGN TRADE

Washington, Dec. 22.—Foreign trade of the United States in November jumped to the unprecedented total of half a billion dollars. A department of commerce statement issued today shows that imports as well as exports broke the records for this month. A record of five billion dollars for the past twelve months exports and imports was set.

November imports were \$164,419,169, more by \$11,000,000 than the previous November record, made in 1912. November exports of \$331,144,527, were the greatest of any month in the country's history. The best previous month

AFRAID DAUGHTER WOULD BE A BAD WOMAN—MOTHER KILLS HER

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Minnie Schmitz, 39, believed to have been demented, killed her 17-year-old daughter, Gertrude, here today. The mother tied a four-in-hand necktie about the girl's neck, choking her to

death. Mrs. Schmitz, who was arrested and charged with the murder of her daughter, said: "I killed her. She was wild. And I was afraid too she would grow up and be a bad woman."

THE CONQUEROR OF LIEGE IS DEAD

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The death at Hanover of General Von Emmich, the conqueror of Liege, is announced by the Overseas News Agency.

General Von Emmich was commander of the Tenth army corps. He figured prominently in the early events of the war being in command of German troops which invaded Belgium. It was he who issued an appeal to the Belgian people not to resist the Germans.

The heavy loss of life of the Germans at Liege was said to have shattered the confidence of the general, and a report that he had committed suicide gained wide circulation in August of last year. He was decorated with the Order of Merit last June.

Gridiron Warriors Start For Coast

Providence, R. I., Dec. 22.—The 1916 football season with a game against the hitherto unbeaten eleven of the Washington State college at Pasadena, California, on New Year's day.

TINKER OUT OF DANGER. A NEW HEIR IN FAMILY

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Joseph Tinker, manager of the Chicago Federal-league baseball club was told by his physicians today that he was out of danger from his recent operation and could leave the hospital in a few days.

What seemed to please the ball player more, however, was the announcement of the birth this morning of an eleven pound son.

POWDER EXPLOSION

London, Dec. 22.—According to advices to the Amsterdam Telegraph, forwarded by Reuters' correspondent, a powder factory and several ammunition depots at Muenster, West Phalia have been blown up. Great damage was done to the town, the newspaper adds.

AUSTRIA RECEIVES AMERICAN ANSWER

London, Dec. 22.—A Vienna telegram forwarded by Reuters' correspondent, says that delivery to the Austrian foreign ministry of the second Ancona note from the United States is announced by the Neue Freie Presse.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The reply of the United States to Austria's note on the destruction of the Italian liner Ancona declares that the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped, and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander.

Secretary Lansing's second note, already probably in the hands of the Austrian foreign minister, and made public here today, renews the demand of the United States and says the details to which Austria referred her reply to the first American communication, are in no way essential to the discussion. It ends: (Continued On Page Six)

AMERICAN DOCTORS RETURN TO RUSSIA



Doctors A. M. (top) and P. H. Zinkhan.

Doctors A. M. and P. H. Zinkhan of Washington, D. C., who have been made lieutenant colonels of the Russian army for life by the czar for their work in the Russian war hospitals, have just sailed for Russia on the expiration of their furlough.

ALLEGED SERBIA IS A DIRECT ACCOMPLICE IN ASSASSINATION

New Commander For Dardanelles

London, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro, as British commander of the Dardanelles, says an official statement issued this afternoon.

Sir Charles Monro has been appointed in command of the first British army in France, in succession to Sir Douglas Haig.

The official announcement follows: "General Sir Douglas Haig having assumed supreme com-

mand of the British force in France and Flanders, General Sir Charles Monro will succeed him in command of the first army. "Lieutenant General Sir Archibald Murray, chief of the general staff in France, will become chief of the imperial staff, with the temporary rank of general, with Major General R. Whigham as his deputy. Major General L. Kiggell, now assistant to the chief of the imperial general staff, will become chief of the general staff of Sir Douglas Haig.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(Wireless to Sayville)—"According to the Sofia newspaper, Dnevnik," says the Overseas News Agency today, "the former Bulgarian minister to Serbia, M. T. Chaprachikoff, the Bulgarian government holds proof in writing that the Serbian government was a direct accomplice in the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Sarajevo. The Bulgarian government, it was stated, will shortly publish the documents."

SAY VARNA TAKEN

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Chronicle reports the capture of Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black Sea port, by the Russians. It says the bombardment of the Russians silenced the Bulgarian guns and laid the town in ruins. The garrison suffered heavily.

The Russians, then, according to the report, landed infantry and artillery without loss and in sufficient force to hold the town against Bulgarian attacks.

CAPTURE GERMANS

Paris, Dec. 22.—Announcement was made by the war office today that 1200 Germans had been captured in the operations at Hartmann's Winterkopf, which have enlarged the French positions to an appreciable extent.

RECAPTURED

Berlin, Dec. 22. (Via London)—A part of the German position on the summit of Hartmann's Winterkopf in the Vosges, that was captured by the French yesterday, has been recaptured by German troops, it was officially announced by German army headquarters today.

IN DISORDER

Berlin, Dec. 22. (Wireless to Sayville)—Advices received here from Constantinople reiterate the assertion that the British forces which quit the Dardanelles retired in great disorder.

"According to Constantinople (Continued On Page Six)

MUCH INTEREST IN COLONEL HOUSE'S PROPOSED TRIP TO BELLIGERENT COUNTRIES

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 22.—President Wilson today said that the European trip of his friend Colonel E. M. House was in no way connected with the peace movement, but was entirely for the purpose outlined by Colonel House in his statement issued last night in New York. The colonel said his messages were to communicate to American ambassadors in person for the president certain information that the ambassadors might more intimately communicate the attitude of the United States toward certain phases of the international situation. Further than to say that Colonel House had stated the object of his mission exactly the president refused to comment.

Today the president and Mrs. Wilson motored over to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, about 45 miles. The ride is about 45 miles.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Announcement by Colonel E. M. House, of New York, President Wilson's close personal friend and adviser, that he soon would go to Europe at the request of the President and secretary of state caused great interest in official and diplomatic circles here today. Secretary Lansing confirmed the announcement, but declined to add anything to it.

Colonel House's statement declared that the sole object of his mission would be to take to the American ambassadors at the capitals of the warring nations certain information regarding the Wash-

ington government's attitude on international questions. It was denied that he would go on a peace mission. Officials today declined to discuss Colonel House's mission, owing to its delicate nature, nor would they make any response to question as to whether he would make informal inquiries regarding prospects of peace.

The trip will be the second by Colonel House since last spring when he visited Germany, France and England and talked with high government officials. At the time of the first trip it was reported that Colonel House acted as the personal emissary of President Wilson and that he went on a peace mission. This Colonel House denied, although later he reported to the President on his observations of the state of public opinion abroad. While what he told the press for luncheon. The ride is about 45 miles.

MAX JACOBS MAKES COMPLAINT

Columbus, O., Dec. 22.—A hearing was held by the state tax commission today on the complaint of Max Jacobs, of Portsmouth, on the valuation of two city lots.

MEMBER OF FORD'S PARTY IS DEAD

Christiana, Norway, Dec. 22.—(via London)—Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, died today of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the American actress.

Ellis Workman, an N. & W. conductor is a grip victim at his home, 1317 Center street.

Billy Butt In Times Weather Man



One o' th' most satisfyin' feelins that I've ever felt is that o' knowin' that Christmas shopping is done at last. I've heard o' th' chap who had a ton weight lifted off his head, but that ain't nothin' 't getting that holiday shoppin' job all done. I'll leave it 't a whole town full o' folks anytime if it is. Here's for tomorrow: Ohio—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday except probably rain or snow near Lake Erie. Somewhat warmer tonight. Kentucky—Fair tonight and Thursday.

A XMAS WARNING

New York, Dec. 22.—The Safety First Federation of America is sending out an appeal to the public to beware of the danger of Christmas fires. Warning is given that if candles are used on Christmas trees, they should be constantly watched and a sheet of iron, tin or zinc should be placed beneath the tree to catch the drippings from the candles.

"Don't use any inflammable material in decorating the tree," reads the warning.

"Cotton batting particularly should be avoided.

"Protect all gas lights with a globe or screen.

"Don't decorate electric light globes with paper.

"Have several pails of water handy in case the unexpected should happen.

"If anyone's clothing takes fire, smother the flames with a rug, blanket or coat.

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The Boy Scout play "Camping on Big Bend," given by the Boy Scout Dramatic club last evening at the First Presbyterian Bible

personated by John Suiveley. The feature of this particular part of the play was the splendid signaling by Scout Arthur Eisenauge, who by the way has made a record in semaphore signaling which has never been duplicated by a Portsmouth Boy Scout. This part of the play gave him an excellent opportunity to demonstrate his ability along this line. While they were in the midst of this very interesting examination, they were interrupted by the screams of a little urchin who was dragged on to the stage by 3 boys and the scoutmaster informed that he had broken up the scout's ball game. Upon investigation the scoutmaster discovered that the lad is Dan Fischer, a product of the slums of the city from which the scouts had come. The boys' boldness and impudence gets on the scoutmaster's nerves, and a confidential chat is held between the two which results in more sympathy on the part of the scoutmaster. The scouts return to the stage, bringing a boy in a bathing suit

and dripping wet. While swimming in the lake he was seized with cramps and heroically rescued by a scout by the name of Harrison. Here the scouts demonstrated artificial respiration and resuscitation for the drowned. This splendid demonstration of this very important art was performed by Scout Harry Doll, who impersonated the character of Arthur Dandridge. The scoutmaster, after his patient has revived, attempts to throw out the trouble on the ball diamond. Here Dan acted his best and strongest part as he told the scoutmaster and his scouts in his characteristic way of some great ball games in which he had participated; of the winning of a game which had gone fifteen innings when he cracked out a home run and won everlasting fame and glory. This amuses the scouts very much and they vote unanimously to give the little "hero" a tie "Heroes' Toss." He is caught and forced into a blanket and tossed to the ceiling a number of times, after which he is glad to make a pledge never again to disturb a scout ball game. But witnessing the various scout stunts in camp he desires to join and the scoutmaster explains fully what will be required of him and after a moment's hesitation he decided to join and Patrol Leader Harrison is called and informed that this new charge will be in his patrol. Harrison protests and gives us his reason that no toughs are wanted in his patrol. Here is afforded an opportunity for Scoutmaster Nichols to preach a forceful little sermon on snobbery, followed also with a stiff and stinging reprimand by a patrol leader named Cameron. Cameron volunteers to take Dan and instruct him, and tests him out in a very exciting wrestling match which was one of the most interesting features of the entire play. Cameron wins out and then tells Dan that his only fault is that of over-confidence, etc. Harrison, who had turned Dan down, becomes repentant and makes a confession of his snobbery and pledges in the future to live the life of a true scout. Then appears on the scene a farmer named "Uncle Mose Johnson," this splendid part being acted by Mr. Harry Porter, well known local comedian. The old farmer tells the scoutmaster how the scouts had saved five dollars' worth of plums for him by catching a thief on the first night of their stay in camp. About that time Dan comes forward for his tenderfoot examination, and the old farmer recognizes him as the boy whom the scouts had caught in his plum orchard, but on learning that he had decided to join the scouts, the old farmer freely forgives and then starts home when Scoutmaster Nichols insists on him staying a while longer and relating a few war stories. The old gentleman consents, and then followed a rare entertainment, such as only Porter can give. The scouts show their appreciation by entertaining Uncle Mose in a splendid campfire program, consisting of a semaphore signal drill; the building of a human signal tower; short stories and songs. The old farmer then leaves and Dan is brought forward for his tenderfoot examination, which is completed at first, but as the climax is reached becomes serious as he tells of the early instruction of a godly mother who was taken from him

Badly Scalded While Helping To Butcher

S. C. Winkler of Hanging Rock, who is frequently a business visitor to Portsmouth, was badly scalded about the arms and hands while assisting in butchering hogs Monday.

SPENT \$100,000 IN CATLETTSBURG SALOONS IN DAY, SAYS REPORT

Ironton, Dec. 22.—A prominent liquor dealer at Catlettsburg yesterday estimated that \$100,000 had been spent in that city for liquor, Saturday, just before the law relative to carrying liquor in

TWO BIG HOGS

Editor Times: I note your champion hog article in The Times and beg to submit for publication that I butchered two hogs bigger

ENTITLED TO A VACATION

Ordo Ingles, a city water works fireman, says he is as yet undecided as to his future plans, and while he has an opportunity of entering the employ of a local wholesale house, he is also considering a flattering offer from Cincinnati. He has the distinction of not having lost a single week's pay in the past nine

years and feels he is entitled to at least a week or two vacation, which he expects to take.

Xmas dinner not complete without Freund's good ice cream. Phone your order. 22-37

Rebekahs Plan For Party

One application was received at the meeting held by the Daughters of Rebekah, Tuesday evening. It was decided to hold a watch party New Year's eve with the Odd Fellows. All Rebekahs and Odd Fellows are invited to attend the party. The local members gave Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wymer a post card shower Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Wymer are in the Odd Fellows' home at Springfield, O.

Passing Party

A passing party was the feature of the regular meeting held Tuesday evening by members of River City Grove W. O. W. Circle. Mrs. Fred Schwartz was admitted as a member. Officers will be installed and a supper enjoyed at the first meeting in January.

POSTPONE ELECTION

The election of officers by the Plumbers' Union was postponed Tuesday evening on account of only a small number being present. The election will be held at the next meeting.

Has A Boil

Virgil Cornutte, street car motorman is nursing a pet boil on his left wrist.

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Every city license of any character, including pool rooms and motion picture theaters, have been collected by Mayor Adam Frick and he will leave his office with a clean slate in this respect. The last ones to come due and which were promptly paid were the Washington Hotel bar \$14, The Play House \$74, and Tod Cropper's saloon, \$11.

TERMINALS

Saturday, Dec. 25th and Sunday, January 1st will be observed as holidays by the Norfolk and N. & W. passenger train No. 18

Western. The general offices will be closed all day. Local freights will be run to take care of necessary traffic. Freight offices will be closed all day except for the delivery of live stock and perishable freight, and to take care of freight of local trains.

Harry Edwards of the Workmen's Protective and Publicity Association will deliver a bible talk in the lobby of the Y. M. C. A. Thursday evening at seven o'clock. All railroad men are especially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. William Callihan and daughter, Wilma and son, James of Gallia street left Tuesday evening for Bristol, Tenn., where they will spend the Christmas holidays with home folks. Mr. Callihan is an N. & W. employee.

A motor car belonging to N. & W. lineman J. M. Gilmer struck a Ford automobile belonging to Dr. H. F. Massie, of Haverhill, Tuesday afternoon one mile west of Hanging Rock on a crossing. Gilmer was looking out for N. & W. freight No. 94 and failed to see the machine crossing the tracks. He applied the brakes but the car

slid into the Ford slightly damaging it. Dr. Massie and wife were badly frightened.

Robert Strother, street car motorman, spent Wednesday pulling a roof on the barn in the rear of the Jackson and Vener grocery on Gallia street.

Mrs. W. B. Ronk and nephew, Hiram Clark, of Gallia street, left Wednesday for Columbus to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. J. W. Adams, wife of N. & W. Conductor Adams, was called to Wakefield, Monday, on account of the death of a relative.

J. L. Walters of Columbus, representative of the Edison Telephone Company, was a business visitor at the N. & W. offices, Tuesday.

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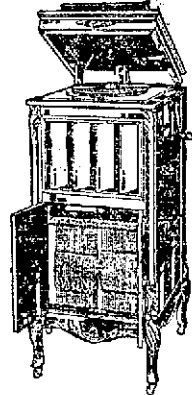
All the Makings of a Merry Christmas

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William Glasco will have to spend Christmas day in the Cincinnati workhouse, for such is the decree of Mayor Adam Fick.

The North End negro who has been in the limelight considerable of late as a court regular in the various capacities of interested spectator, witness and police informer, will be taken to Cincinnati Thursday.

Glasco seemingly made no effort to return the \$15 to which he had pleaded guilty to stealing from Mrs. Mattie Patterson's home although given three days time in which to raise the money.

George Morford, an employee of the Henry Ruel pile driving boat, was ordered to pay Mrs. Wesley Russell, of New Boston, \$9 board and the court costs amounting to \$12.80 in all. A man giving the name of William James was fined \$5 for drunkenness and begging on the streets.

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BACK TO U. S.

Wilbur Mougey, oldest son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Mougey, of Ananda, O., who were formerly located in Waverly, is back in Chicago and is working in the plant of the Western Electric Company.

Mr. Mougey had been engaged in the work of putting down a cable from London to China, but the work was halted recently by the war and Mr. Mougey returned to this country. He is a nephew of W. C. Ferguson, of 711 Court street.

DECORATORS NEEDED

Members of All Saints church are requested to meet at the Club this evening to help in the work

NEW SHIPMENTS RECEIVED
TODAY
BUY CHRISTMAS
GIFTS AT
THE WHEN

of decorating the church for Christmas. A start was made last night, but the short time remaining makes it necessary for a much larger attendance of members both men and women, if the decorations are to be completed. Have you done your part yet?
THE RECTOR.

Pitcher Ferguson
Sought By Ray Ryan

The management of the Portsmouth, Ohio State League baseball team has been asked to place a price on Pitcher John Ferguson. Manager Ray Ryan of the Rocky Mount, N. C., team would like to

add Ferguson to his hurling staff, and a deal may be closed whereby Ferguson will join this team. Ferguson was considered one of the best hurlers in the Ohio State league last season.

Instructions To The
Scioto Co. Teachers

To the Teachers of Scioto County: About two months ago a letter was sent to each teacher in the county which stated clearly that uniform examination questions would be sent at the end of four months for examination on certain branches. These questions were sent out from the County Superintendent's office December 20, the examinations to be given December 23 and 24. The teachers are to give no help in the way of previous review or in any other way on these questions and the manuscripts are to be kept until the superintendent visits that school and looks them over. The teacher, of course, will grade the work at once and place

the grades on the report cards. I am sending questions only on the subjects in which the newly adopted uniform text books are being used. It is only in those branches that the text books are alike all over the county. It would therefore be impossible to base uniform questions on uniform texts in those branches in which the text books were not changed this year. The teachers are at liberty either to estimate grades on branches on which questions are not sent or they may make their own questions on any or all branches not covered by the uniform questions which we have sent.

The letter sent to the teachers about two months ago also tell them plainly on what branches questions will be sent at the end of the year. It is to be hoped that each and every teacher has kept and will keep the letter of instructions sent about two months ago.

E. O. McCOWEN,
County Superintendent.

"Adagio Fiddles," by John McCormack, (with Made Chorus, Orchestra and Chorus) would surely be appreciated as a gift. Ask for Record No. 74436 (\$1.50).
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Miss Elvora Holtz, of Second street, is recovering from a month's illness.

DEMANDS PROBE OF
"SUFFRAGE LOBBY"

James F. Byrnes.

Congressman James F. Byrnes of South Carolina has aroused the interest of congress and the ire of suffragists by demanding that a congressional investigation be made of the "suffrage lobby" he says is at work in behalf of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Mr. Byrnes would like to know what is being done with \$40,000 recently raised by the women. Furthermore he complains to congress that the visits of the women to the capitol to ask support for the amendment have made the corridors of the capitol appear "like the shopping district during a military opening."

WITH THE SICK

Miss Martha Galford, of Eleventh street, submitted to an operation for appendicitis Tuesday. She was stricken while at work in a shoe factory Monday. Her condition was reported satisfactory after the operation.

Mrs. Margaret Lehman was called to Columbus, Tuesday, by the serious illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Maymie Maier-Lehman, who has been suffering with erysipelas and has now developed fever. The stricken young woman's mother, Mrs. August Maier, of this city, and her sister, Mrs. Bird Maier-Payne, of Norwood, O., will go to her bedside Wednesday.

Harrison Dewey, of Ninth street, was reported critically ill with pneumonia Tuesday. He is a shoemaker.

Louis C. Lutter, a well-known Mycket street tinner and stove dealer has been ill at his home on Seventh street the past few days.

Col. Alex Altman of the Tracy Shoe Company, who has been laid up at his home on Lincoln street the past month or more on account of illness, was able to be outdoors again Tuesday.

Our System of Christmas Money Club

ACCOUNTING IS FOR YOUR

Convenience and Protection

At the right we show a reproduction of the first page of our Christmas Money Club pass book for 5c Class Going Up.

Pass books for other classes are arranged in a similar manner.

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You are thus protected by a positive receipt for every payment. The last stub stamped "PAID" shows plainly how much you have paid in all.

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This system is so simple a child can understand it.

It enables our tellers to wait on all customers very promptly. The first payment is due this week. If you join this week no further payment is necessary until after Christmas. The Club will be open however until Saturday, January 8th, but if you wait till next week or the week after to start, you will pay up, at the time you join, for the one or two weeks you have missed.

Sample Page from Pass Book
5c Class Going Up.

When properly stamped by teller this is a RECEIPT for 5c	DUE in week beginning Dec. 20	5c
		CLASS 5c UP
Total Paid 5c	Total 5c	No. 3567
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		CLASS 5c UP
Total Paid 15c	Total 15c	No. 3567
When properly stamped by teller this is a RECEIPT for 15c	DUE in week beginning Jan. 3	15c
		CLASS 5c UP
Total Paid 30c	Total 30c	No. 3567
When properly stamped by teller this is a RECEIPT for 20c	DUE in week beginning Jan. 10	20c
		CLASS 5c UP
Total Paid 50c	Total 50c	No. 3567
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		CLASS 5c UP
Total Paid 75c	Total 75c	No. 3567

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PORTSMOUTH, OHIO.

We pay Three Per Cent Interest on Christmas Savings

For the average time, if all payments are made regularly or in advance.

NEW BLOCK
IS COMING?

Portsmouth will in the spring receive another handsome business block if the prediction of a man engaged in the stone business comes true.

While here Tuesday this gentleman stated that he had been reliably informed that the business

block would not only be one of the largest in the city, but would be one of the handsomest, the front to be finished in white he said. Plans of the builders will be announced later, it is claimed.

The proposed new block is to go up in the uptown business section.

TEETH STOLEN,
LOOK FOR THEM

The police received a message from Chief William O'Leary, of Sidney, O., Wednesday, giving a list of teeth, crowns etc., stolen from a dental office there. A theft of an automobile tire, also inner tube, rim and tire cover were also stolen in the same city Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Elaborate preparations have been made for the proper observance of the Christmas festival in All Saints parish. Nothing has been left undone in the elaboration of plans for a well-kept Yuletide.

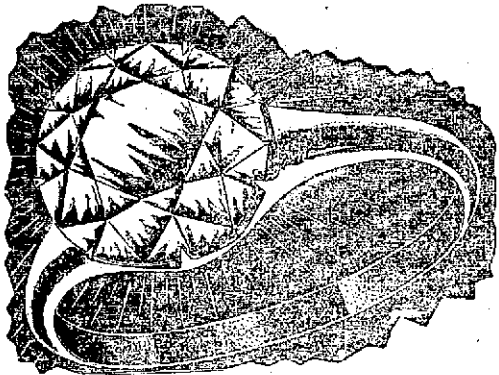
On Thursday evening the Sunday school celebration will be held in the large hall of the parish house. A huge Christmas tree has been erected to the right of the stage and will present a pretty sight, ablaze with electric lights of all colors and resplendent with decorations. Mrs. Harry Donnelly and Miss Katherine Halderman have been training the children for weeks past, and one of the best Christmas programs ever prepared will be presented. The program in full has already been printed in these columns. All members of the church and their friends are cordially invited to attend this celebration. Come and see the children enjoy themselves. Perhaps the most uniquely beautiful of all Christmas services is the Midnight celebration of the Holy Eucharist at All Saints church. Great preparations have been made for this service. In former years it has attracted large crowds to the old church at Fourth and Court streets and this year the attendance ought to be larger than ever. The church will be beautifully decorated with wreaths of holly and holly and pine trees. The large Christmas tree used in the Sunday school celebration with all its wealth of electric lights will be set up in the church also. The only possible criticism of this service in former years has been the fact that it has lasted a little too long, and out of deference to this feeling, the service will be greatly abbreviated on Friday evening. It will commence at 11:15 p. m., instead of 11:30 p. m., as in previous years, and it will be over by 12:15 a. m. or 12:30 a. m. at the latest.

Harold Potts, son of J. F. Potts, of the Arcana theater, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

EVERY THREE MINUTES
ONE DIES IN THE U. S.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society illustrates the frightful toll of consumption by extinguishing a light every three minutes, and shows that it is the man or woman, girl or boy, who neglects colds, whose blood is impure, who feels weak and languid, who is the very one to contract tuberculosis—and none are immune.

During changing seasons, or after sickness, blood-quality is most important, and if you and your family will take Scott's Emulsion after meals it will charge your blood with health-sustaining richness, quicken circulation and strengthen both lungs and throat. Scott's is free from alcohol—easy to take—it cannot harm. Get a bottle today.

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For Sale—Holly, laurel roping, holly and moss wreaths, immortelles, red ruscus, plants, ferns and cut flowers. Both phones. Louise Koenig, 1236 Second.

Read some Interesting High Water Facts on Page 7.

Helping At Anderson's

Melville Bothwell, who travels for the Portsmouth Hat company is helping out during the Christmas rush in Anderson Bros.' department store.

Mrs. William J. Meyer, of Waller street, is nursing a felon on her right thumb.

Christmas Brew for Christmas Dinner. Better than Imported. \$1.00 per dozen. The Portsmouth Brewing & Ice Co. Phone 94. 18-6

KAPS PLUMS HANDED OUT IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

APPOINTMENTS

City Engineer—Samuel G. Harper.

Chief Engineer at Water Works—Charles Moritz.

PROBABLE APPOINTMENTS

Chief of Police—Henry Clark.

Captain of Police—Roma Walker.

Engineers at Water Works—

Hartnell Evans, George White,

John C. Burke.

Firmen at Water Works—Jas.

Boyd, James Martin, C. M. Bryant.

Coal Passers or Crane Men at

Water Works—Henry Welch, Jr.,

white; Beal Laney, colored; Geo.

Smith, colored.

Filtration Plant Employees—

Neal Barbee, David Evans.

Garbage Collectors—William

Drennan, Ben Daniels, John

Brown, Frank Hammond, Wil-

liam Layher, Robert Ray, Thomas

Thomas, Robert Smith, Henry

Warren (colored), Luther Gar-

ner (colored), James Burns.

Watchmen at the Old Water

Works—Fred Brodbeck.

Market Master—Isaac Johnson.

Sewer Cleaner—Ben Evans.

Street Cleaning Department—

Samuel Carter (colored), Arthur

Harrison (colored), Pearl Den-

ning, Hugh Wise.

Rodman in City Engineer's Of-

fice—John Winkler.

APPOINTMENTS YET TO BE

MADE

Chief of Fire Department.

Assistant City Engineer.

Mayor's Clerk.

Three well men at Water Works.

Two utility men at Water

Works.

One rodman.

in the classified service. Harper's salary will be \$2000 a year, and Moritz's salary \$1200 a year, although an effort is being made to raise the salary of the chief engineer.

Mr. Harper is at present the engineer for the village of New Boston, but will resign that place to assume his new position. He succeeds George Wilhelm. Mr. Moritz has been employed at the steel plant as millwright since resigning from the city service over two years ago, and was formerly master mechanic at the plant. John Herrmann is the present efficient chief engineer.

Two other appointments that may be regarded as sure are those of Henry Clark as chief of police and Roma Walker as police captain. Mayor-elect Kaps stated this afternoon that he had not yet advised either Clark or Walker of his appointment, and that it hinged on their acceptances whether their appointments would stand.

The present chief, Buck Allen, is only a provisional appointee, while Captain Grant Coper has advised the mayor-elect that his resignation would be ready the first of the year, so that Mr. Kaps felt no hesitancy in naming their successors.

Henry Clark, the coming chief, was a day patrolman under the Tynes administration, and one of the most popular officers that ever walked a beat in this city. Since being let out by the Frick administration, he has been employed as motorman on the street railway line. His new position pays \$100 a month.

Roma Walker, the new captain, was captain of police under Mayor Tynes, and is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office. The position pays \$30 a month.

The three new stationary engineers at the pumping station will be Hartnell Evans, now employed as engineer for the Portsmouth Engine company, George White, an engineer in the employ of the Ohio Stone Foundry, and John C. Burke, who holds a similar position with the Steekham company. Each will receive \$80 a month.

Other appointments at the pumping station will be: Fireman, James Boyd, James Martin, C. M. Bryant, \$65 each monthly; coal passers or crane men, Henry Welch, Jr., Beal Laney and Geo. Smith, \$65 a month each. The last two are colored.

Neal Barbee and David Evans will receive the appointments to positions at the filtration plant, and will receive a monthly salary of \$65 each.

One Democrat was chosen among the eleven garbage collectors, each of whom will be in charge of a district of the city. He is James Burns, a brother-in-law of James P. Brennan, Democratic leader of the First Ward, who supported Mr. Kaps at the election.

The other ten are: William Drennan, Ben Daniels, John Brown of Sixth street, Frank Hammond, William Layher, Robert Ray, Thomas Thomas, Robert Smith, white, and Henry Warren and Luther Gardner, colored. The positions pay \$2.75 a day each for the actual number of days em-

ployed, each man to furnish his own wagon.

Fred Brodbeck, the private policeman, will secure the position of watchman at the old water works plant, which pays \$1.75 a day. Isaac John, an old soldier, of Fourth street, will succeed John M. Faverly as market master. The position pays \$20 a month. Ben Evans, a Democrat, will be sewer cleaner and Samuel Carter and Arthur Harrison, colored and Pearl Denning and Hugh Wise, white, will be in the street cleaning department. They will receive \$1.75 a day.

John Winkler will be named as rodman in the city engineer's office at a salary of \$50 a month.

Eight positions remain yet to be filled: chief of the fire department, assistant city engineer, one rodman, three well men at the water works, and two utility positions at the water works.

W. A. McQuat, the present fire chief, is under civil service and can not be removed without charges having been filed against him and sustained by the civil service commission. No appointment of his successor will be made until he has been removed legally. The position of chief pays \$100 a month, as does the assistant city engineer's job.

The three well men will not be named until the city has accepted the pumping machinery from the John J. McGowan company, which is now paying their salaries.

In making his appointments, it is said by friends, that Mayor-elect Kaps regarded the wisest of some local Democratic leaders who supported him against Mayor Frick at the November election, among whom may be named James P. Brennan, J. I. Hudson and John Jones. As stated Burns, the garbage collector, is a brother-in-law of James P. Brennan, while the appointment of Ben Evans was made in deference to the wishes of J. I. Hudson. It is also understood that a certain police patrolman will be retained, thanks to intercession of the part of John Jones.

Appointments previously announced by Mayor-elect Kaps include the following:

Service Director—Ralph Cal-

vert.

Assistant Service Director—Ar-

thur Yeager, Albert Freytag.

Clerk to Service Director—John

E. Pritts.

Safety Director—E. K. S. Clink-

emheard.

Clerk to Safety Director—

Thomas Gynan.

Superintendent of Street Clean-

ing—Henry Ruel.

Superintendent of Water Dis-

tribution—John Williams.

Superintendent of Greenlawn

Cemetery—Henry Cline.

Brick ice cream in Christmas

color—22.3t

The Christmas Season

Not a Day But Weeks

Needed to Manifest

Its Spirit.

To Be Exact.

"You must speak more distinctly. I

can't hear what you say. Now, what

was your last sentence?"

"Well, if you bloomin' well must

know, it was six months."—London

Opinion.

An Insult.

"What was the trouble between you

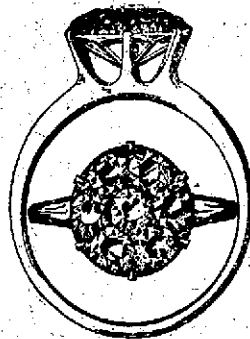
and that barber?"

"I simply asked him what was the

damage. I meant the amount due him,

but he took it as a reflection on his

shaving ability."—Pittsburgh Post.



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delivery. Phone Y 404, Dick
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women to know small cash and
weekly payments will prepare
them for a good position. Port-
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WANTED—Colored girl for
kitchen work at 703 Findlay
Street. Phone 1435-4. 22-3t

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housework. 915 8th St. 22-4t

WANTED—Railway Mail Clerk.
Portsmouth examinations com-
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WANTED—Middle aged woman
to keep house for man with
three children. 2521 Gallia St.
22-2t

WANTED—Man past 30
with horse and buggy to sell Stock
Condition Powder in Scioto
County. Salary \$70 per month.
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WANTED—Everybody to know
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highest prices for second hand
furniture, stoves, shoes and
clothing. 537 2nd St. Phone
567-A. 20-6t

WANTED—Two experienced
shoe cutters at once by the
Xenia Shoe Mfg. Co., Xenia,
Ohio. 21-3t

WANTED—Solicitors, exception-
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Portsmouth, Ky. 16-6

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Bldg. 13-4t

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11-10t

FOR SALE—Gas heaters 33c up,
now. Central Hardware Co.,
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prices. 543-545 Second St. 22-11

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and Grandview.
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lar, barn, 2017 17th St. in fine
condition.
5 room house with bath, cel-
lar and barn, 1906 Grandview
Ave. See Alan Jordan. Phone
177 or 370. 12tf

FOR SALE—Vacuum Cleaners
\$3.98 now. Central Hardware
Co., the big store with little
prices. 543-545 Second St. 22-1t

FOR SALE—Live turkeys, 25c
per pound. Dressed turkeys 26c
per pound. Delivered Dec. 22,
23, 24th. Get your orders in
early. Coverston meat market.
Phone 746. 18tf

FOR SALE—One hog, 5 shorts,
60 lbs. each. One cow. Butler
McGraw, Stewartsville, New
Boston. 21-3t

FOR SALE—Union Ice Skates
50c now. Central Hardware
Co., the big store with little
prices. 22-1t

FOR SALE—Pair of black colts
4 and 5 years old, \$125.00. 29
East Rhodes avenue, New Bos-
ton. 21-3t

FOR SALE—Good 8 room house,
water and gas, up and down,
big cellar and eastern, newly
painted and papered. Four
presses, china closet and pantry
at bargain. George White, Ohio
Stove Foundry. 21-3t

FOR SALE—Improved Daisy
Air Rifles, 75c now. Central
Hardware Co., the big store
with little prices. 543-545 Sec-
ond St. 22-1t

FOR SALE—Used upright pianos
\$90 and up. Harvard, King-
ston, Wurliizer, Emil Schmidt,
Smith and Nixon, Richmond
and several others, great bar-
gains, easy payments. R. P.
Seiler, 744 4th St. 21-3t

FOR SALE—Small supply of
stereotype mats. Better than
paper for laying under carpets.
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FOR SALE—Fine lot of Christ-
mas trees and holly, dressed
chickens and oysters. Imperial
Tea Co., 607 2nd. Phone 250.
22-2t

FOR SALE—Big roan work
horse and small driving mare.
Phone 1049-B, 1317 Lincoln. 21-5t

FOR SALE—Lot 32x120 ft. 17th
St., \$1300.
Lot 36 ft. 6 inches by 120 ft.,
Summit, \$1300.
Lot 36x125 ft. Hutchins St. in
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FOR SALE—Four head of
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iences. Apply 811 Prospect. 9-4t

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for light housekeeping with all
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water and gas range in kitchen,
\$3.00 per week. 311 Offshore
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FOR RENT—5 room 2 story
house, 1921 Grandview avenue.
Call 1917 Grandview avenue.
21-3t

FOR RENT—5 room house with
bath, 1906 Grandview Ave. Call
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FOR RENT—3 rooms downstairs,
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house, phone 1583-A. 21-3t

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LOST—Pocketbook on Chillicothe
between Third and Gallia
containing about \$12 and street
car tickets. Return to Hicks'
store, 1005 Gallia. Reward. 21-3t

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THE MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Dec. 22.—Greater
breadth and activity attended to-
day's operations, with pronounced
strength in metal issues.

Such stocks as American Smelt-
ing, Mexican Petroleum and metal
and war shares continued to
monopolize speculative attention on
the resumption of trading today,
while rails and similar invest-
ment issues were again neglected.
Smelting soon rose to 100 1/4, an
overnight gain of one-half and
within a fraction of its highest
price since 1908.

Copper stocks were stimulated
by the rise in Smelting as well as
the price of the metal, and Mer-
cantile Marine preferred, Texas
company and a few specialties al-
so responded to a moderate ad-
vance. There was further active
buying of the Anglo-French
bonds.

Marine preferred was the active
stock of the first hour, but the
metal group as a whole over-
shadowed all other features. An-
other rise in copper to 20 1/2 was
responsible for the prominence of
such semi-active issues as Greco-
Canadian, Inspiration, Tennessee,
China and National Lead, at
gains of 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 points. Smelt-
ing showed the effects of realizing
for profits and United States Steel
was under steady pressure. Oil
shares had a slight set-back and
leading rails, like Union Pacific,
Northern Pacific, Reading and
Erie, were irregularly lower.
Dr. Chem Steel, on a single trans-
action, dropped 14 to 460. Bonds
were steady.

Oil shares featured the final
hour with heavy trading in Mex-
ican Petroleum, which rose 5 1/2
to the new record of 1.03 1/4. The
closing was irregular.

CLOSING PRICES

NEW YORK STOCKS

Allis-Chalmers 32.
American Beet Sugar 69.
American Can 60.
American Car & Foundry 77 1/2.
American Cotton Oil 54 1/4.
American Locomotive 68 1/4.
American Smelting & Refining
105 1/2.
American Sugar Refining 115 1/2.
American Tel. & Tel 128 1/4.
Anaconda Copper 98.
Atchafalpa 105 1/2.
Baldwin Locomotive 116 1/2.
Baltimore & Ohio 92 1/4.
Bethlehem Steel 470.
Brooklyn Rapid Transit 88.
California Petroleum 32 1/2.
Canadian Pacific 179 1/2.
Central Leather 52 1/2.
Chesapeake & Ohio 61 1/2.
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul 93 1/2.
Chicago, R. I. and Pacific Ry.
16 1/2.
Chino Copper 54 1/4.
Crucible Steel 72 1/2.
Denver & Rio Grande pfd. 25B.
Erie 41 3/4.
General Electric 174 1/2.
General Motors 499.
Goodrich Co. 72 1/2.
Great Northern Ore. Cfs. 43 1/2.
Great Northern pfd. 125 1/2.
Illinois Central 107.
Interborough - Consol. Corp.
21 1/2.
Inter. Harvester, N. J., 111 1/4.
Lehigh Valley 61 1/2.
Louisville & Nashville 125 1/2.
Maxwell Motor Co. 76.
Mexican Petroleum 102 1/2.
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd.
15 1/2 B.
Missouri Pacific 4.
National Lead 65 1/4.
New York Central 105 1/4.
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford 74 1/2.
Norfolk & Western 120 1/4.

INVESTMENTS

Subject to Prior Sale and Change
in Price

\$10,000.00 worth Findlay Ohio,
5 per cent School Bonds, price
\$106.30, accrued interest.
\$32,500.00 worth Findlay, Ohio,
5 per cent Street Improvement
bonds.
\$20,000.00 worth Marion C. Ala.,
5 per cent Road Improvement
Bonds, \$102 and accrued interest.
\$175,000.00 worth City of New
Orleans, 5 per cent Belt Railroad
Bonds, price \$104.25 and accrued
interest.
\$76,000.00 worth Bossier Par-
ish La. 5 per cent Road Improve-
ment Bonds, \$100.00 and accrued
interest.
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Reading 61 1/4.
Republic Iron & Steel 54 1/2.
Southern Pacific 101.
Studebaker Co. 168 1/4.
Texas Co. 231 1/4.
Tennessee Copper 59 1/4.
Union Pacific 136 1/4.
United States Rubber 54 1/4.
United States Steel 86.
United States Steel pfd. 116 1/2.
Utah Copper 79 1/2.
Western Union 87.
Westinghouse Electric 68 1/2.
Wabash pfd. B28 1/2.
Int'l. Mer. Marine, pfd. 73 1/4.
Miami-Copper 32 1/2.

CHICAGO GRAIN

AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat tur-
ned weak today after an early ad-
vance which had resulted from
higher quotations at Liverpool.
Argentine reports however, tel-
ling of fine weather for the har-
vest and of a large yield assured,
gave an advantage to the bears.
Profit taking by holders was an
all round scale. Opening prices,
which were unchanged to 3/4c
higher, with December at 1.24 to
1.24 1/2, and May at 1.25 1/2 to
1.25 3/4, were followed by a reser-
vation all around to below yester-
day's finish.

Subsequently rallies took place
owing to supposed signs of ex-
port business. The ebb, though,
failed to last. Trade in futures
was unusually active, but Euro-
pean buying seemed to have come
to a pause. The close was weak.
1 1/2 to 2 1/2 net lower, with Decem-
ber 1.21 1/2, and May at 1.23.

Corn rose to the highest prices
yet for the 1913 crop. The buy-
ing was largely speculative. Af-
ter opening 1/2 to 3/4 higher, the
market made some further gain,
but then underwent a moderate
set-back.

Later the market went higher
than before, buyers seemed to be
impressed with the belief that the
government had over estimated
the crop. Nevertheless, top prices
were not well maintained. The
close was unsettled at 1/8 to 1/4
to 3/4c net above.

Oats hardened with corn. The
volume of trade was much greater
than has recently been the
rule.
Liberal offerings of hogs weak-
ened provisions. However, there
was no urgent pressure to sell.
Reports showed that slaughter-
ings in the west continued heavy
as compared with a year ago.

OPENING PRICES

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat, Dec.
\$1.24 1/4 @ 1.24 1/2; May, \$1.25 1/4 @
1.25 3/4; July, \$1.16 @ 1.15 1/2.
Corn, Dec. 70 1/2 @ 70 3/4; May,
74 1/2 @ 74 3/4; July, 74 1/2 @ 74 3/4.
Oats, Dec. 42 1/2 @ 42 3/4; May, 46 @
45 1/2 c.

CLOSING PRICES

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Wheat: Dec.,
\$1.21 1/2; May, \$1.23.
Corn: Dec. 70 3/4; May, 74 1/2 c.
Oats: Dec. 42 1/2; May, 45 1/2 c.

PROVISIONS CLOSE

Pork: Jan., \$18.77; May, \$18.35.
Lard: Jan., \$9.60; May, \$9.87.
Ribs: Jan., \$9.77; May, \$10.10,
45 1/2 c.

TOLEDO GRAIN

Toledo, O., Dec. 22.—Wheat,
cash \$1.27 1/2; Dec. \$1.27 1/2; May,
\$1.31 1/2.
Corn, cash, 72 1/2 c.; Dec. 77 1/2 c.;
May, 72 1/2 c.
Oats, cash, 45 1/2 c.; Dec. 45 1/2 c.;
May, 49 c.

Rye—No. 2, 95c.
Clover seed, prime cash, \$12.35;
Dec. \$12.35; Feb. \$12.40; March,
\$12.20.

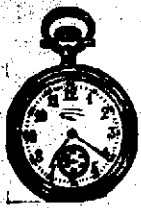
Alsike, prime cash \$10.30; Dec.
\$10.30; Feb. \$10.50; March,
\$10.60.
Timothy, prime cash, \$3.60;
Dec. \$3.60; Feb. \$3.55; March,
\$3.90.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Hogs: Re-
ceipts 73,000, dull, 10 to 15 under
yesterday's average; bulk \$6.00
to \$6.50; light \$5.65 to \$6.30; mix-
ed \$5.95 to \$6.55; heavy \$6.10 to
\$6.60; rough \$6.10 to \$6.25; pigs
\$4.25 to \$5.50.

Cattle: Western steers \$6.25 to
\$6.50; cows and heifers \$6.20 to
\$6.30; calves \$6.25 to \$6.50.
Sheep: Receipts 1



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reports," say the Overseas News Agency, "the British left their sick and wounded behind. Their retreat, which they pretend was carried out systematically, in reality was a head-over-heels flight."

FOR SALONIKI

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(Wireless to Sayville.)—The Cologne Gazette reports that British troops which have been stationed on islands in the eastern Mediterranean have been withdrawn to be sent to Saloniki.

BOOTY SAFE

Constantinople, Dec. 22.—(Via London.)—The Turkish war office has given out the following statement:

"There was local fighting on the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) at Kut-el-Amara.

"A hostile attack against the tenth sector of the caucasian front was repulsed.

"On the Dardanelles front, hostile ships violently bombarded until late in the evening the different camps in order to destroy the booty abandoned by the enemy. The bombardment failed to achieve its purpose. Hostile attacks at Seddul Bahr repeatedly were repulsed."

The "Booty abandoned by the enemy" referred to in the above statement is the war material which the Turks claim the British forces left behind in their withdrawal from the northern coast of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

The Overseas News Agency says:

"The Cologne Gazette publishes a despatch from Athens stating that nearly all of the troops have left Imbros, Lemnos and Tenedos Islands.

The troops on Imbros Island were most discontented. Some of the troops mutinied and five or six officers of the general staff are reported to have been killed. Finally the troops were removed after they had been promised that numbers of reinforcements would be sent."

SUB CAPTURED

Paris, Dec. 22.—According to a despatch to the Messagero from Malta, forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Rome, an Austrian submarine has been captured

ed by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

KAISER ILL

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Emperor William has postponed the trip he had planned making to the western front, the Overseas News Agency announces, a slight indisposition making it necessary for him to remain indoors for a few days.

The agency's announcement describes the emperor's ailment as a "slight inflammation of the cellular system."

London, Dec. 22.—An official message received here today from Berlin describes Emperor William's illness as zellgewebentzündung (more frequently given as bindegewebentzündung).

An authoritative medical publication gives the term "cellulitis" and describes as follows:

Inflammation of cellular or loose connective tissue, chiefly subcutaneous but also of that between muscles and viscera or surrounding various organs. It is characterized by the same spreading or atonic character as erysipelas and is circumscribed or diffuse. The swelling is marked early by branching lines of lymphangitis. Pain is tensive and great and the absorbent glands and vessels are often inflamed. Constitutional symptoms are grave.

MILLION MORE

London, Dec. 22.—After an all night debate the house of commons early today granted an increase of 1,000,000 men in its strength on paper to 1,000,000. With the increases come changes in higher command, Lieutenant General Robertson, chief of the general staff, having been recalled from France to become chief of the imperial staff in London in place of Lieutenant General Murray, who is about to receive an important command. These changes are accepted here as indicating closer co-operation among the allies in the conduct of military operations on the western front.

Along the western line, according to British official reports the Germans suffered severe losses while exposing their forces in an attempt to occupy craters which their mines had opened along the front. Armentieres, French operations at most places are hampered greatly by bad weather but a considerable portion of the German works on Hartmann's Woeckopf has been carried.

The Russians are reported to have occupied Kun, which indi-

cates they are making an important advance into the interior of Persia.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The sinking of the Japanese steamship Sada Maru in the eastern Mediterranean yesterday by a German or Austrian submarine is reported in a despatch from Malta to the Havas agency.

VILLA

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plete tranquility prevails in January early today. It was reported 1,000 troops had arrived from the south, but these were said to be a part of a force surrendered by their officers at the Carranza consulate here during the night.

U. S. INSISTS

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phases, that continuance of good relations between the two countries depends upon the action of the Austrian government. The full text of the note which is addressed to American Ambassador Pondfield, follows:

The government of the United States has received the note of Your Excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on Dec. 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

On Nov. 15, 1915, Baron Ziwilinski, the charge d'affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the department of state a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo, the responsibility for having willfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The responsibility of the commander is in any case established, and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured, or put in jeopardy by his reckless act.

The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus willfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them.

The government of the United States, therefore, feels no other course open to it but to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the loss of its naval property and to renew the demand for compensation of the full value of the property lost. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of these demands and to comply with them in the same spirit

U. S. Navy Should Be Equal To Most Powerful In World Says Naval Board

New York, Dec. 22.—Problems affecting the United States navy are under consideration by members of the naval advisory board, who are here today for their second general meeting. Sessions of the board will continue tomorrow. After the preliminaries of the last three months the board is now ready to consider formally the important questions referred to it.

In the course of its meetings the board will visit the New York navy yard, where a division of the Atlantic fleet is assembled. The naval advisors will have an opportunity to inspect the new battleship California, and her system of electric propulsion as well as the turbine engines now being installed in the Arizona.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The American navy should be "equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world," not later than 1925 in the opinion of the Navy General Board headed by Admiral Dewey.

The annual report of the board, made public today, discloses that this naval policy was formulated by the body in July last in answer to the following proposition propounded by Secretary Daniels when the administration reached its decision to enter upon a campaign of national preparedness:

"What the Navy must be in the future in order to stand upon an equality with the most efficient and most practically serviceable."

The board's conclusions follow: "The Navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world. It should be gradually increased to point by such a rate of development year by year, as may be permitted, but the limit above defined should be attained not later than 1925."

At the same time the board presented a building program for 1917 in compliance with the secretary's request for "a program formulated in the most definite terms, planned for a consistent and progressive development of this great defensive arm of the nation."

Details of the board's reply are not revealed, as subsequently in October of this year, the secretary asked the board to prepare a building program for the Navy that will continue over a period of five years with an expenditure of about \$100,000,000 each year for five years on new construction only. The administration plan for the construction of sixteen capital ships within five years is founded on the board's answer.

The report lays stress upon the board's proposal that seven of the sixteen new ships, four super-dreadnaughts and three battle-cruisers, be authorized in 1916. Secretary Daniels has recommended to congress, however, that only

two dreadnaughts and two battle-cruisers be authorized at this time. Under the board's plan the total expenditure for the five years including \$7,000,000 for the aviation service and \$11,000,000 for reserve ammunition and material would be \$499,876,000, the last appropriations for which would be made in 1923; the secretary's recommendations call for a total expenditure of \$502,482,214, the last appropriations shown being for 1921, and increases being made over the board's estimates for submarines and reserve ammunition. The board program contemplates the building of thirteen fleet auxiliaries while the secretary recommends only six.

The board highly commends the proposal to establish a continuing building policy for the navy, saying it will stabilize the warship building industry in the country and tend to reduce contract prices for new ships.

The board reviews the course of the European war so far as it involved naval actions, to reach this conclusion:

"As to types of ships, the battleship is still the principal reliance of navies, as it has been in the past."

The report discusses at length the need and mission of battle-cruisers and other fast ships for scouting work but warns against an exaggerated value being placed upon the battle-cruisers. It then takes up the question of personnel and finds that any smaller force than 2700 officers, 67,000 blue-jackets and 13,400 marines would be inadequate for the navy in 1917 even on a peace footing. The ships then in commission and the shore stations would need a minimum of 74,700 blue-jackets, it states, in time of war.

Turning to the question of congested lower grades which confront navy officers under the present system, the board urges that congress establish the number of officers in any grade on the basis of the total number of officers in the navy and not by providing for a fixed number in each grade except the lower ones. Additional legislation should be sought, it says, to secure a proper flow of promotion for all officers of the efficiency of the service generally will suffer.

Although Captain Von Papen declined to answer any of the questions reporters asked him, after he had handed out his formal interview in saying good by to friends he said: "I am glad of the opportunity to go to the trenches for my country."

"I wish to assure all that I feel most grateful to the great number of German-Americans in this country for their support and sympathy."

"I have been charged with lots of things, but when this war is over you will see that everything will come out all right, I am sure. I have been here for my country and I have tried to serve it, but I have not done anything against diplomatic courtesy, and I leave here feeling grateful that I can at least be among the real action in the trenches."

The captain was accompanied to the pier at Hoboken by a few friends with whom he chatted while his baggage was being examined. The examination of all baggage going aboard ship was put in force for the first time by the Holland American line. Officials of the line declined to give any specific reasons for it.

Now that the matter is settled the fact should be emphasized that the State department made no charges against Captain Von Papen and Captain Boyed which reflected in slightest degree on their honor as officers. Certain newspapers have made reckless charges which could not be supported by evidence but the United States government never intimated that it believed these charges to be true.

To this I have nothing to add. After all this war will not be won by the Providence Journal and the Evening Telegram with their hyphenated supporters. It will be decided by the success of the invincible German arms. I go home with unshakable conviction that no efforts, however insistent they may be, will

accomplish the fervent desire of country for their support and sympathy.

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Alan N. Jordan L. C. Turle

at the Hempstead hospital, is improving and is now privileged to

The village officers were notified but could find no trace of the stranger. Police in the city and authorities at Harrisonville and Scioto ville were asked to keep a lookout for the brute who is said to be tall, with dark complexion, dressed in a light suit and has the right little finger off at the second joint.

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Dear Miss Wise—Please grant me a little space in your widely read and popular department to say a few words in regard to the sale of the children's home property and the building of a new hospital. We should by all means have a new and commodious hospital, but I'm not sure the children's home grounds would be the proper place to build it. I think it should be more centrally located in the east end or East Portsmouth, inasmuch as nearly all the emergency and accident cases come from the steel plant or terminals, or happen along the railroad track in East Portsmouth. Too much time is lost in getting cases like these to the hospital. The hospital should also be built with a view of caring for patients 20 years hence. I don't believe in building a new hospital every few years. It could be so constructed that a new wing or addition could be added when needed. If we had a first-class hospital here we could take care of patients from surrounding towns and villages who now go to larger cities to take treatment or be operated upon as the case may be. Would also suggest that in the present home site is decided upon to move the children's home to the present hospital. It could be converted into a flat building and a part of it rented as the children would not need such commodious quarters.

MISS PROGRESSIVE.

Dear Dolly—How can I get rid of tired feet?
BILLY.
Better not try to get rid of 'em Billy. Tired feet are better than no feet at all.

Dear Dolly—Please define spices and tell me if sage is considered a spice?

A READER.
A spice is a vegetable production of many kinds, fragrant or aromatic, and pungent to the taste, such as peppers, black, red and green, cinnamon, nutmeg, mace, all-spice, ginger, cloves, etc. Inasmuch as dry sage is used to flavor meats and dressing it might be classed as a spice.

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Dear Miss Wise—Do you think moving picture actresses are really good people. I have heard some of them spoken of lightly. Why shouldn't they be as good as anybody else?

MOVIE ADMIRER.
The life of a movie 'actress' is what she makes it. We all know there are some fine good women engaged in it, and I dare say there are those of another type as well. However, there are good and bad women in all walks of life so don't blame it on their profession if some of them are not what they ought to be.

SOCIETY

One of the most interesting programs presented by high school pupils was rendered in the high school auditorium Wednesday morning at the chapel exercises. The program lasted over an hour. Miss Hall, of the faculty, coached the students for their different selections. The Juniors and Seniors had complete charge of the program, which was as follows:

Song, "Silent Night"—School.
Scripture Reading.
Song, "Suzanna" and "Little Flower"—Hazel Mills.
Original story written by Howard Klink, "The Convict's Christmas Eve" read by Lucile Tracy.
Violin Solo, "The Sicilian Boat Song"—Ruth Crawford, accompanied by Mrs. Samuel R. Crawford.
Reading, "Mr. Dooley on Xmas"—Irish brogue selection by Loria Cunningham.
Cornet Solo—William Trone.
Scene from Dickens' "Christmas Carol" Hobart Sampson, Ralph Sampson, Charles Evans and Marie Trigg.

The Messrs. Richard and Hugh Tremper, who are studying dentistry at the University of Michigan, arrived home Wednesday from Ann Arbor and will spend two weeks with their parents, Senator and Mrs. W. D. Tremper.

The many friends of William Leslie Ross, a popular local shoe worker, and former ball-player, and Miss Laura Ellen Marshall were surprised to learn of their marriage Tuesday morning.

The marriage date had been set for Thursday, but a telegraphic summons from a Detroit, Mich. shoe manufacturing firm with which the groom has secured employment, hastened the wedding, which was solemnized by Rev. S. Lindenmeyer, at the German Evangelical church parsonage. They left on N. & W. passenger train No. 15 Tuesday afternoon for their future home in Detroit.

Mr. Ross since giving up shoe factory work helped establish and was connected for a time with the operation of the Mechanics' Laundry. He is one of the best known young men of the East End and is to be congratulated upon his choice, the bride being an estimable young woman. She is the eldest daughter of Police Sergeant and Mrs. James H. Marshall, of 1029 Eleventh street, and since giving up her employment at the Irving Drew shoe factory several years ago, has been assisting her mother in housework at the family home.

At a well-attended meeting of the Women's Benefit Association of the Macabees Tuesday evening, Elizabeth Yarnell was initiated. One application was favorably balloted upon. A passing party was the feature of the meeting, after which a social hour and lunch was enjoyed.

The Ironton Irontonian Tuesday carried in its social column the following:
"Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Doty and family expect to spend Christmas with relatives in Portsmouth."
"Tamilton Grange and the Haverhill Grange will have an open and a watch meeting New Year's eve."
"Mrs. Harvey Glendon and Miss Ernestine Herschel spent Monday visiting in Portsmouth."

Mrs. Miriam Anderson, of Columbus, will spend Christmas with Portsmouth relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Baker, of Oakland avenue, will entertain at Christmas dinner their little son, Richard Le Roy, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Baker and daughters, Henrietta and Ruth. The out-of-town guests will be Mrs. Sophia Peterson and sons, Harley and William, and Miss Elizabeth Mann, of Cincinnati, O., and Miss Eloise Miller, of Ironton.

Miss Alice Cross, of Sciotoville, will spend the holidays with her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Kirkland, of Ashtabula, Ky.

The Ironton Register says: "It is with pleasure that The Register today chronicles the wedding of Mrs. S. G. Wilson, of Portsmouth, and Miss Belle Dean Bryson, of Sand Point, which occurred at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, at Huntington, W. Va. The wedding was simple and quiet and was witnessed by but a few of the more intimate friends of the contracting principals. Mr. Wilson is an engineer employed at the N. & W. road, and a splendid man in every respect. His bride is one of Lawrence county's best known young ladies and at present is a teacher in the Hanging Rock schools. Her home is at South Point, where she has a host of friends. She intends continuing her teaching at Hanging Rock until the close of the present term in order not to cause any trouble in the schools."

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Mrs. H. C. Bugh, of Baird avenue, will leave tomorrow for Columbus to spend Christmas with relatives and will be joined there Christmas by Mr. Bugh.

The rehearsal for the German Evangelical cantata will be held in the Sunday school room Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock. All please report promptly.

Mrs. O. T. Heaberlin spent yesterday with relatives in Huntington, W. Va.

Mrs. Anna Lake, who was called to Wooster by the death of her sister will remain there for a two weeks visit.

Fairfax Dickey will arrive home tomorrow from Cincinnati to spend Christmas with his family.

Miss Marjorie Pursell arrived home this morning from Lynchburg, Va.

Miss Miriam Haas leaves Sunday to visit relatives in Cincinnati.

Miss Miriam Crawford has issued invitations to a Kensington, Wednesday afternoon, December 29th at her home on Hutchins street.

Mrs. Kate Simmons of Cincinnati, is coming the first of next week to spend a few days with Mrs. Joseph Lake.

The United Brethren Ladies' Aid Society are sending sheets and blankets to the Otterbein Orphan's Home. All those who intend to give to this worthy cause please leave their donations at the home of Mrs. Charles Moritz, 1124 Ninth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston Carson arrived today from Philadelphia.

WOMEN SAVE \$5
Save gasoline dry clean dresses, suits, silks, gloves, draperies, etc.

Here's a way to make soiled or dingy-looking wearing apparel look like new. Any woman can easily clean and restore the original color and brightness to kid gloves and shoes, neckties, ribbons, silks, satins, laces, net-work, yokes, furs, shirtwaists, children's coats, suits, caps, woolen garments, sweaters, lawn, organdy and chiffon dresses, draperies, rugs, in fact, any and everything that would be ruined with soap and water.

Get two ounces of solvite at any drug store and put it in two gallons of gasoline, where it quickly dissolves, then put in the goods to be cleaned, rub a little and out they come looking clean, bright and fresh as new. You will find nothing fades, shrinks or wrinkles, requiring no pressing.

It only takes a few moments to do what dry-cleaning establishments would charge five dollars or more for. It is as simple as ordinary laundering and you can't make a mistake. Any druggist will supply two ounces of solvite, which is simply a gasoline soap and you can obtain the gasoline at any grocery or garage. Then a wash board or large dishpan will complete your dry-cleaning outfit.

As gasoline is very inflammable, be sure to do your dry cleaning away from fire or flame, with windows left open.

YOUR PIANO

When you buy a piano be sure of quality. Don't take it for granted. Don't let the beauty of a case lead you astray. Weak tone and poor making may not show right away, but if it is there it will come out in time.

We know every piano we sell is worthy. We know how they are made, of what they are made and the high type of worker who makes them. Knowledge and experience makes us competent critics—pride and personal interests make us severe ones. Our prices are low—but a low price in our store doesn't mean a trashy piano.

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to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. M. Corson.

Miss Helen Bardin is at home from the O. W. U., Delaware, for her Christmas vacation. On her way home Miss Bardin stopped in Columbus to attend a dance and was the guest of Miss Haysel Whitte.

Mrs. Maurice Knapp and son, John, of Chicago, are coming Sunday to spend a week with her mother, Mrs. John Lewis, on Fourth street.

Mrs. John Capehart has returned from a short visit in Huntington, W. Va.

Miss Jennie Foster who is studying law at Cornell, will arrive home tomorrow for her holiday vacation.

Mrs. C. W. Brooks, 1728 Highland avenue, will leave Thursday morning for Huntington, her old home, to meet her son, Harry D. Brooks, who is coming from Marietta with his children to spend Christmas in Portsmouth.

W. C. Ferguson of 711 Court street, arrived home Wednesday from Amanda, O., where he has recently called by the serious illness of his father, S. S. Ferguson, who has called slightly. Mr. Ferguson is 83 years old. He is at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, the Rev. J. M. Mougey of Amanda. Frank Ferguson, a son of Kimberly, W. Va., and a daughter, Mrs. Everett Countryman of New York City, are at the bedside of their father.

The Manly Woman's Home Missionary Society met yesterday at the home of Mrs. E. F. Rideout, where there were fifteen present. Mrs. Rideout gave her very interesting report of the annual conference recently held in Columbus. Mrs. Albert Reiser read a chapter from the life of William Greenleaf, of "How Santa Claus came to send After Me."

Miss Vivian Jewell, who has been employed in the office of the Selby Shoe Company for the past three years, will give up her work Thursday night and will be married on Christmas eve, at five o'clock, to Mr. Leslie Taylor, who is employed at the Steel plant. The wedding will take place at the Trinity Methodist parsonage. Rev. C. Lloyd Strecker will officiate. The attendants will be Miss Madeline Taylor, niece of the bride, and Mr. Jack Taylor, brother of the bride. They will not take a trip for the present, but later will go to Washington, D. C., to visit the bride's sister, Mrs. Lyle Cook. The bride's cousins, Mr. William Kester, of Bartlett, O., and Mr. Harry Griggs, of New York, will be here for the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Don Jewell will give a dinner for the bride and groom on Christmas night.

The Second Presbyterian church auditorium was the scene of a pretty wedding this afternoon when Mr. Carl Olson, of the millinery firm of Martin and Olson, and Miss Helen Holden, of the same store, both formerly of Cleveland, were married at half past two. Rev. George P. Horst officiated with the impressive Presbyterian ring ceremony. The only witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Anderson of 837 Sixth street, who were the attendants. There was no wedding music only during the ceremony when Miss Edna Marting played softly "A Perfect Day." The happy couple left this afternoon on an extended trip through the East, returning home about the middle of January when they will be at home at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Anderson. The bride wore a handsome tailored suit of blue broadcloth and wore a corsage bouquet of valley lilies and bride roses. The bride is a charming young woman, a sister of Mrs. Martin, of the firm of Martin and Olson, who moved to Portsmouth from Cleveland last September. Their pretty millinery store is at 906 Gallia street. Both the bride and groom are held in the highest esteem by all who know them and the Times join their friends in extending congratulations.

Ralph Tyson of the Ritter and Bates architectural offices, will spend Christmas with home folks in Dayton.

Mr. Clemens A. Yost, of Durham, N. C., and Mr. Walter J. Yost, of Montgomery, Ala., are coming to spend Christmas with their sisters, Mrs. Chas. Zoelner, Mrs. Walter Applegate and Miss Eleanor Yost.

Last evening the Clio Club was delightfully entertained with a passing party at the home of the Misses Lucy and Verena Graham on Timmonds avenue. The roll call was answered to with "Do We Make Christmas A Burden?"

The evening was spent in Christmas games and contests. The executive committee, Misses Edith Elliott, Nellie Willets, Lucy Graham, Isabel Musser, Marcia Storek and Mrs. Judith Lowry were the hostesses. Dainty gifts were

passed, after which refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Lowry, January 4th when new officers will be elected.

The department of superintendents of the First Christian Bible School, held a business and social meeting last evening at the home of the general superintendent, Mr. C. M. Howland on Franklin avenue. After the business Mrs. Howland served refreshments.

Miss Florence Legler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Legler of Chicago, was badly hurt last Saturday evening by being struck by a train while hurrying across the track to make a train going into the city. Miss Legler was taken to a hospital and afterwards removed to her home. The doctors think she will recover although badly injured. She is the sister of Miss Bess Legler, who visited relatives in this city, last summer.

The Bigelow Methodist Ladies' Aid Society held an interesting meeting in the church yesterday afternoon when a report from the bazaar and turkey-supper showed \$314 cleared. This goes towards the organ fund which has \$4300 in the treasury with only \$200 more to be raised. This will be an easy matter, for the Bigelow women are all good workers. They are hoping to have the new organ installed by Easter.

Mrs. Albert Doerr and Miss Ruth Doerr will arrive Friday from Columbus to visit relatives over the holidays.

The cantata "Santa Claus at Grandma's Home" will be given Saturday evening at Kendall Avenue church. Mr. Chas. Lambert is Santa Claus.

Floyd Urban, Santa Claus, Jr. Miss Bess Lewis, Grandma. Lillian Clark, Grandchild Zoe. Miss Myrtle Sowers, Aunt Josephine. Mr. George Davis, Mr. James. Mrs. Minnie Lambert, The Dream Mother. Hurry Davis, Jack Frost. Chorus Children, Dream Girls and Fairies will take part in the program.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith, of Columbus, will arrive Thursday to spend Christmas at the home of their aunts, Mrs. Chas. Sauffer, Mrs. August Geunbacher and Mrs. Fred Steadly.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sowers will entertain with their annual Christmas party, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Pfarr and three children, Mrs. Bertha Sowers Wheeler and her daughter, Fern Curry Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. William Sowers and son, Clark Like, Misses Carrie and Myrtle Sowers.

Miss Edna Mae Distelrath, of Newcastle, Ind., is coming home Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Distelrath, of Ninth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stevenson, of Eighth street, will spend Christmas with relatives in Mansfield.

Mrs. J. C. Scott and little son, Clayton, who have been spending the past two months with Mr. Scott's mother in Alexandria, Indiana, are here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Dessie Feyler, of Second street, before going to her home in Adrian, Mich., where Mr. Scott is now located. Mr. Scott will arrive Friday evening to spend Christmas with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rathburn of Cairo, W. Va., are visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Fuller on Officers street.

Last week's issue of the Cumberland, O., Echo, contained an interesting account of the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of a former Portsmouth couple, Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Mann, now of Cumberland, which occurred Saturday, Dec. 11th at their home.

Three generations of the Mann family were represented at the celebration, all of the children being present except Mrs. Ella Krause, who lives in the far West. The favors were yellow rose bud baskets with gold monograms. The table decorations were yellow chrysanthemums and candles, the colors corresponding to the occasion.

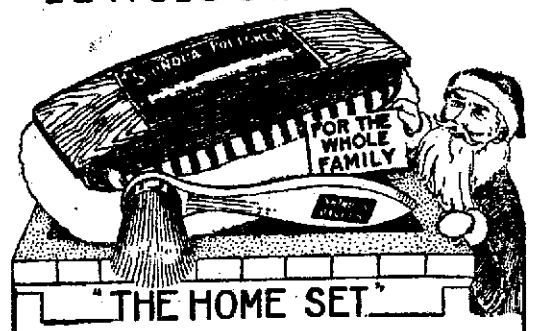
Only the immediate family were

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New Nuts, the pound 10, 15, 20 and 25c.
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represented at the big family dinner, but in the evening, other guests called to extend their best wishes for the continued health of the couple. Mr. Mann is mayor-elect of Cumberland, and one of its most prominent citizens.

Mr. Mann was located in this city for several years, and was regarded as one of the leading contractors of the city. He built scores of houses in Portsmouth during his residence here. Both he and his estimable wife have many friends in this city.

Mrs. Anna Schwobel and Mr. Charles H. Foster, an N. & W. engineer were married last evening at six o'clock at the home of Rev. J. W. Dillon, on Campbell avenue. They were attended by Miss Ethel Heinisch and Mr. Curtis P. Wampler. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride 2133 Eighth street where the rooms were prettily adorned with holly and scarlet bells. During the evening piano music was rendered by Miss Olga Fugh. The bride wore a blue tailored suit, white kid gloves, blue hat trimmed in a white plume and white fur. Miss Heinisch wore a blue suit, blue hat trimmed in fur and a pink plume. The pink and white ice cream, cake and coffee were served by Miss Grace Kiser and Mrs. Carl Harris. The bride was a widow and the groom a widower. They will take a trip to Norfolk, starting Christmas day, and will reside at the bride's home on Eighth street. Their wedding gifts included cut glass, china, linen, bric-a-brac and other things too numerous to mention. The guests were as follows:

Messrs. and Mesdames George Luther, E. A. Chapman, Mr. L. C. Chapman, Mrs. George O'Rourke and son, Orin, Mr. Lee Enswiler, Mr. Robert Belton, Mr. Harold Schwobel, Howard Rowe, Henry Snedden, Thurman Thompson, Wm. Sarver, Roy Dodge, Harry LeClara.

PLANT CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS

During the rush and excitement perhaps you have forgotten to send in your laundry this week. If this has been the case, use Phone 176, and providing your laundry is collected early Thursday morning it will be returned Friday.

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Fine Ribbon Candy and a large line of Bulk Candies

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MUNICIPAL CHRISTMAS TREE IS ANCHORED IN SQUARE

Big Time Coming For Little Ones

The Municipal Christmas Tree is now in position on the Gallia street esplanade, having been raised and securely anchored to a platform five feet high by a force of men under the local stepladder, Jack Warden, Wednesday morning. Warden climbed to the highest point in the tree this morning, and fastened a big star on the top, which will be lighted with electric lights. The top of the tree is 32 feet above the ground. It is an ideal tree for the occasion, and the committee is congratulating itself over its good fortune in securing it.

A committee, under the leadership of J. H. Goodman, is busy today decorating the tree with Christmas decorations and sprigs of cedar and evergreen. The cluster of lights on the esplanade are hidden from sight beneath an abundance of cedar and evergreen. Ropes of cedar were twined by the Herons Floral Company without charge.

Myriads of electric lights, of various colors, will be placed throughout the tree, and will be extended on wires throughout the esplanade, the material and work being furnished free of charge by the Tritscheller and Stevens & Youngman companies.

Chalmers Davis, chairman of the Santa Claus committee, has chosen the following men to assist him in the distribution of the stockings:

Edward Strittmatter, Homer Selby, Howard Cadot, Paul Esselhorn and John Sommer. Each of the seven will be dressed in Santa Claus garb, and will furnish an added touch of color to the scene.

Distribution of the gifts will follow a short program at the tree, which will include the singing of "Holy Night" and "America" by the entire assemblage to the accompaniment of the Portsmouth and Bigelow M. E. church bands, and a three minute address by Mayor Erick.

A substantial contribution was received from P. H. Harsha, Wednesday, to be added to the list already published.

WHO IS WILLING TO MAKE KIDDIES HAPPY?

Any one desiring to contribute anything to make Christmas Day at the children's home a happier occasion for the orphaned inmates is requested to call Home phone No. 57. Preparations are now under way by the officials in charge to make it the happiest Christmas in the history of the institution, and additional donations will be gratefully received.

SWEET PEACE BEFORE DARKNESS, SAYS REPORT

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22.—The National Commission and the representatives of the Federal league met shortly after noon today with the prospects bright that a peace agreement ending the baseball war would be signed and sealed before darkness falls.

GETS CHEST OF SILVERWARE

Harry Smith, foreman of the shiping force in the galvanizing department at the Whiteaker-Glessner steel plant, was presented with a large chest of silverware by his friends when he came to work Wednesday morning. Mr. Smith is to be married Thursday to Miss Mildred Larson of New Boston. Mr. Smith is from Ottaway. Announcement of the wedding was made several days ago. Squire Adolph Crain made the presentation speech.

TO ADJUST SYSTEMS

At a special meeting of the school board held Wednesday afternoon arrangements were made to have the heating and ventilating system of the new Garfield building adjusted during the Christmas vacation. The schedule amounting to \$10,110 was allowed.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS VACATION

Public schools of the city rung down the curtain on arithmetic and geography today until Monday, January 3. The Yuletide vacation will end on this day. There was the usual exchange of gifts between the teachers and pupils today and the season's greetings were exchanged all around.

In many of the rooms appropriate programs that breathed the spirit of the happy Christmas spirit were rendered.

COTTAGE BURNS TO THE GROUND

A cottage belonging to Mrs. Ida McElhenny, a widow, and located one and one-half miles below South Portsmouth, burned to the ground Tuesday morning about 4:30.

The occupants of the house, William Wells, a government dam employee and family, were in the kitchen when the blaze was discovered and it spread so rapidly that they were unable to save anything of consequence, practically losing their entire earthly belongings. The only possible origin is that a lamp that was burning in a bed room may have exploded. Mrs. McElhenny carried no insurance. A subscription fund was immediately started among neighbors for the relief of the homeless ones and they found a temporary haven in the Sam site.

The Hazlet company will insure you. 319 Gallia St. adv

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WATER IS OFF TOWPATH

RIVER FALLS RAPIDLY

The Ohio river had dropped back to the 43 ft. mark by 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. As soon as the Pittsburgh water has passed the decline will become more rapid. Government reports Wednesday showed that the Ohio was falling its entire length. The water is entirely off the towpath and the newly completed road did not suffer the slightest harm from the initial inundation it received and was not even left muddy.

The suggestion is freely heard that the city service department could do nothing more pleasing or beneficial than wash and clean the river grade as the river falls as it is due the hundreds of shoppers flocking into the city from Kentucky.

Wednesday's packet departures are announced as follows: Str. Klondike for Rome at 2 p. m.; Str. Greyhound for Huntington at 3 p. m. The packet Greyhound has just resumed her place in the Portsmouth-Huntington trade after receiving a general overhauling on the Point Pleasant, W. Va., docks.

Nothing but pure fruit flavors in Freund's ice cream and ices. Order at once for your Xmas dinner. 22-31

COOPER NEW P. M.

William Cooper has been appointed postmaster at Mineral Springs, Adams county. He succeeds Homer Butz, who held the position for many years.

Mr. Butz has decided to sell his store at Mineral Springs owing to ill health and a deal will be closed in a few days that will place the general store in the hands of Donald Rungan, son-in-law of Mr. Cooper. Mr. Butz, who has been located at Mineral Springs for 24 years, plans to move to the city shortly after January 1.

Mr. Cooper is caretaker of the Rogers Hotel at Mineral Springs during the winter months.

New Victor Records to brighten Xmas day coming in daily THE KAY GRAHAM CO. Victor Records and Victrolas. adv

To Visit Family

Harvey M. Allen, manager of the Home Telephone Company, will spend Christmas with his family in Columbus.

Albion Blair, son of Judge Blair will entertain with a New Year's party. Invitations were issued Wednesday.

Stahler sells Reznor Heaters. 20-51

Who Cares Now?

It was exactly a year ago Wednesday that the temporary bridge was cut down by a big ice gorge depriving many West Side citizens from doing their Christmas shopping.

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Weather Reports Here May Be Received Over Wireless

U. S. weather reports will soon be received in Portsmouth by wireless telegraph, if the proper arrangements can be made with Cranston Locke, son of Dr. L. G. Locke, of Gallia street, who becomes more rapid. Government reports Wednesday showed that the Ohio was falling its entire length. The water is entirely off the towpath and the newly completed road did not suffer the slightest harm from the initial inundation it received and was not even left muddy.

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BAD WRECK ON N. & W.; 22 CARS ARE PILED UP

Twenty-two N. & W. cars loaded with coal were derailed, badly damaged and some turned over about 8:30 Tuesday evening at Rex just east of Coal Grove. A broken arch bar it is believed caused the derailment. The train was extra freight 399, west bound.

The Kenova, Williamson and Portsmouth wreck cars were hurried to the scene and succeeded in clearing one track about midnight. The wreckers are still at work picking up the damaged cars and coal. Passenger train No. 32 was delayed some time.

VALLEY INSTITUTE IS NOW IN SESSION

With a large number in attendance the Valley Township Farmers' Institute opened at the Lucasville High School Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

The state speakers present are J. W. Nicodemus of Van Wert county, C. H. Swan of Wayne county and Dr. Mary Anderson, of Clinton, Ohio. The Grassville Male Quartet of Columbus, which was scheduled to furnish the music, canceled their engagement. The singing will be furnished by school children of the Lucasville school. The second grade pupils taught by Clara Spriggs, had charge of the musical selections in the afternoon. Sessions will be held Wednesday evening.

Thursday morning and afternoon. The meeting will close Thursday afternoon with an election of officers.

A splendid dinner was served to all who attended the Wednesday morning session. It was served in the high school, the cooking being done in the domestic science department.

Rev. J. C. Peitsmeyer has charge of the devotional exercises. The first number on the program was "Greetings" by Prof. P. S. Alley of the Lucasville schools. Response to the welcoming words was made by J. S. Violet. "Commercial Fertilizers" was the subject discussed by C. H. Swan. Geo. W. Zaler conducted the discussion.

The afternoon session opened with Mr. Swan giving a talk on "Manure." Frank McGeorge discussed the subject. L. A. McKinley of the Lucasville school, gave a talk on "Education." "Some Fundamentals on Animal Breeding" was the subject of the afternoon lecture by J. W. Nicodemus. J. S. Violet conducted the discussion.

BOARD REJECTS PLANS AND BIDS

It was the combined judgment of the outgoing and incoming boards of control at a conference Wednesday afternoon that the flood wall bid of Glandorf & Browning, of Cincinnati, should not be accepted and it and the firm's plan of the wall were rejected.

Mayor-elect H. H. Kaps and his advisory associates freely expressed themselves as opposed to adopting any contractor's own plan. It was the consensus of opinion that it would require an additional bond issue of at least \$30,000, making \$100,000, to take care of the improvement including property damages. The action taken puts the building of the flood wall extension and restoration of the point up to the incoming administration. Remarks dropped by Mr. Kaps indicated that he would never permit a wing wall run up Officers street between Second and Third, but would rather extend the wall eastward over the ridge east of officers and south of Jackson as far as funds will permit.

Contracts were awarded to the S. Monroe & Son Company for the building of the Menke sewer at their bid of \$675.60, and the Bern sewer at their bid of \$614.90.

MADE DEFENDANT IN \$10,000 BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT

John F. McDaniel a Scioto Trail farmer, is defendant in a suit for \$10,000 breach of promise suit earned seduced her, and further filed in common pleas court this claim that she is now in a delicate condition.

The records at the court house show that the couple applied for a license Dec. 16th. McDaniel gave his age as 22, and Miss Huston as 21 years.

May, 1912, McDaniel proposed marriage to her and that she accepted him. At divers times thereafter, she says he fixed Sept. 15, 1914, as their wedding day, but put it off when that date came.

At different times thereafter, she says he agreed to marry her, and further says that on December 15th last, she accompanied him to the court house, where they secured a license to wed. After leaving the court house, she claims that he refused to have the ceremony performed.

A son was born Tuesday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Minford of Gay street. Mr. Minford is a shoemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Scott, of 1620 Sixth street, received a Christmas present Tuesday when the stork left an 8-14 pound daughter at their home. Mr. Scott is an N. & W. yard brakeman. The baby has been named Martha Alice Scott.

Reznor Heaters at Stahler's. 20-51

Jack Cody, a well known former Portsmouth young man, will be in charge of the annual national convention of the Arbuckle Bros. Coffee Company's traveling salesmen in New York City, Dec. 28-31.

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COMMITTEE TO MAKE AWARD

Judge Thomas has secured the consent of Prof. Frank Appel, superintendent of the schools, Miss Emily Ball, of the high school faculty, and Attorney George M. Osborn, of the city teachers' examining board, as a committee to make the award to the person submitting the first correct solution to his problem, published in the Times last week, and for which over one hundred and fifty answers have been received.

The committee will probably meet this evening to go over the solutions submitted.

Favors Selling Of Children's Home

John W. Hall, clerk of courts of Scioto county, and former superintendent of the county infirmary, favors the sale of the present children's home if part of the proceeds are used for the purchase of a suitable site in the country. He said today:

"I think the selling of the children's home a wise move, and advocate the purchase of a suitable site out of the city limits, easy access to railroad or traction line. Erect a modern building with school room, employ a competent teacher, purchase enough lands for pasture and small farming, where meat, milk and vegetables can be produced to feed the population, under the direction of a competent superintendent and matron. The boys will become master of the greatest vocation, 'a tiller of the soil,' and the girls will learn to cook, sew and general housekeeping, where they will enjoy the free country air, listen to the birds as they flit through the trees, singing the glad hymns of freedom, and when they arrive at the age to say good bye to their foster parents and go up and down this broad land they will be better fitted to stem the tide of trials and adversities that are inseparable from human life."

Mr. Roberts besides his faithful wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts leaves four children: Mrs. Oliver Trowbridge, Orville, Bertha and William, the latter being in charge of the auto truck in the Gallia street fire company. He also leaves one brother, Roscoe Roberts of Haviland, O., and one sister, Mrs. Ophelia Stephenson of Adams county.

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Vitalite used on an enamel work by Brehmer, the Painter. 114

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Charles H. Foster, an N. & W. engineer, and Anna A. Schwoebel, both of this city. Rev. Walter T. Gilliland.

Francis M. Stultz, 63, a hotel man, of Peebles, and Dora Bell Thornton, 33, of Henley. Rev. B. B. Cartwright.

Carl Oscar Olsen, 27, a milliner, and Helen Holden, 27, a milliner, both of this city. Rev. George P. Horst.

Thomas M. Nipper, 30, our repairer of Greenup county, and Jessie B. Harr, 24, of Greenup county. Squire John W. Byron.

Charles Loyell Call, 21, a farmer, of Martinsburg, and Della May Hughes, 18, of Lyra. Squire Byron.

Thomas Howard, 22, a farmer, and Eva New, 16, both of South Webster.

Kenneth Cundiff, 25, a shoe designer of Chicago, and Lydia Allen Callender, a stenographer, of this city. Rev. Strecker.

James G. Snavely, 21, a laborer, and Dora Gentry, 21, both of Lucasville. Squire Byron.

Mrs. Paul McNally of 1818 Oakland Ave., will leave Thursday morning for Cincinnati to spend Christmas with her brother and family.

Santa Claus visited all local employees of the B. & O. S.-W. on Wednesday in the form of semi-monthly pay checks.

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IS SICK

Rev. Father J. E. McGuirk, pastor of the Holy Redeemer church, was reported feeling ill Wednesday. He is suffering with an attack of stomach trouble.

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Elton Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Schmidt, arrived home from the Carnegie Technical School in Pittsburgh, today and will remain until after the holidays.

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STEEL PLANT IS READY TO ERECT AN OFFICE BUILDING

Plans of the Whitaker-Glessner Steel Company for the coming year include the erection of a splendid office building for the Portsmouth plant. Announcement to this effect was made Wednesday by officials of the company.

Plans for the new building have been drawn and approved, and they will be in the hands of prospective bidders in a few days. It is hoped to begin work early in January. The plans call for a three story building of concrete and steel, and the building is designed with special reference to the convenience and needs of the office force. It will be up-to-date in every respect.

While the exact location for the building has not yet been determined upon, it will be located upon the property now owned by the Steel Company, and will be at the point most convenient of access to the whole plant. The entire office force of the company will be housed in the new building when it is completed.

Makes Escape From Workhouse Gang

Police officers have been instructed to round up Frank Craycraft, who escaped from the prison workhouse while engaged in unloading a carload of alum at the city filtration plant Tuesday morning.

A search was made for Craycraft Tuesday night, but he could not be located. The other members of the gang, Al "Cat" Sly and two negroes, Robert Patterson and Charles Jones, alias "Hustler," with the aid of the foreman, Benny Boydston, succeeded in unloading the car by evening. "Hustler" will not be sent to the workhouse for "shoot herding," as originally ordered, and instead will work out his fine.

Helping At Marting's

Miss Josephine Boerr of New Sixth street, is doing duty as an extra saleslady at the Marting's dry goods store during the holiday rush.

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William Kugelmann has returned from a short trip through Ohio for a novelty company he represents.

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The Movies



Vivian Martin in "The Little Dutch Girl" Columbia Tonight. Francis X. Bushman Tomorrow

The romantic, appealing story for an ideal model for his of the babe who startled the old "Marguerite" sees "Little Dutch Girl" as a picture of the future. The picture is a masterpiece of the art of film production. Beautiful Clara Kimball Young has given us a portrayal which unfolds new depths in even this most popular star. Her "Trilby" will never be forgotten. She registered her emotions with an artistic touch that carried hidden strength. Her big scenes were truly wonderful. Mr. Lackaye's interpretation of "Svengali" has now been transferred to the films. To the millions, now, he will always stand as "The Svengali." Chester Barnett handled "Billie" in a manner which adds much to this young man's laurels. There was a quiet strength and appeal in his work which registered strongly. The film is a supreme triumph for the great director. He has built an atmosphere that is perfect. He has carried us from one land to another with convincing effects. His dramatic tempo registered evenly throughout and built to the big climax with perfect and impressive contrasts. The human touches inserted at just the right moments, along with exquisitely lighted bits of artistry, are enough to carry the appreciative numbers of an audience into ecstasies. By all means see "Trilby." As presented at the 44th Street theatre it naturally has the advantages of perfect music but this film will be a supreme success wherever shown. Today M. Tournear is known in the trade as a master and a charming gentleman. Tomorrow he will be known to the millions as one of the greatest producers of films of the world has known. "Trilby" is the sort of production to make even the uninitiated ask, "Who made it." Don't miss "Trilby" and when

he is ill and in want in Paris. Alone and afoot she starts for the great story to comfort and care for him. She arrives to find disillusion and disappointment awaiting her. Jean, the woodman—Jean, the faithful—takes her back to her village home, but the sunlight has gone out for "Little Dutch." Once more she seeks the pond where the startled ducks found her.

Francis X. Bushman in "The Silent Voice" at the Columbia Tomorrow

Francis X. Bushman and Marguerite Snow, who share the stellar honors, Frank Bacon, Helen Dunbar, William Clifford, Catherine Henry and Lester Cuneo, are some of the important people who will be seen in the cast of "The Silent Voice," the Quality Pictures Corporation just released on the Metro program, when it is presented at the Columbia tomorrow.

Clara Kimball Young and Wilton Lackaye in "Trilby" at Lyric Today and Tomorrow

A New York critic says: This is the greatest combination of artistic presentation, dramatic strength, and effective atmosphere ever shown in this country as a film. From these viewpoints, M. Tournear has given us the greatest offering to date. "Trilby" places that genial gentleman definitely as a supreme master of the art of film production. Beautiful Clara Kimball Young has given us a portrayal which unfolds new depths in even this most popular star. Her "Trilby" will never be forgotten. She registered her emotions with an artistic touch that carried hidden strength. Her big scenes were truly wonderful. Mr. Lackaye's interpretation of "Svengali" has now been transferred to the films. To the millions, now, he will always stand as "The Svengali." Chester Barnett handled "Billie" in a manner which adds much to this young man's laurels. There was a quiet strength and appeal in his work which registered strongly. The film is a supreme triumph for the great director. He has built an atmosphere that is perfect. He has carried us from one land to another with convincing effects. His dramatic tempo registered evenly throughout and built to the big climax with perfect and impressive contrasts. The human touches inserted at just the right moments, along with exquisitely lighted bits of artistry, are enough to carry the appreciative numbers of an audience into ecstasies. By all means see "Trilby." As presented at the 44th Street theatre it naturally has the advantages of perfect music but this film will be a supreme success wherever shown. Today M. Tournear is known in the trade as a master and a charming gentleman. Tomorrow he will be known to the millions as one of the greatest producers of films of the world has known. "Trilby" is the sort of production to make even the uninitiated ask, "Who made it." Don't miss "Trilby" and when

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"The Silent Voice" is from the pen of Jules Eckert Goodman, and was the vehicle which Otis Skinner used to display his distinguished dramatic talents upon the legitimate stage at the Liberty Theatre in New York last season. In the six act picturization of the original in which Mr. Bushman is featured, now scheduled for presentation here, this noted master of the silent drama appears in a role somewhat different from what his many admirers have been accustomed. His powerful portrayal of the loving son, whose happiness affects every one about him and whose disposition changes abruptly, when affliction seizes him, from a light-hearted and joyous person to a skeptic and cynic, will prove a revelation of his powers to those who have hitherto seen him only in the role of the romantic lover.

"The Bell Hop" At The Exhibit Tonight

After several unsuccessful attempts Manager Law of the Exhibit finally hooked one of the great comedies of the photoplay world, the picture being a one reel Essanay comedy entitled "The Bell Hop." The part of the bell hop is taken by one of the funniest men in movies and the antics of the bell hop keeps you holding your sides from bursting with laughter. Several Portsmouth comedy picture lovers seek the picture in one of the larger cities and advised Mr. Law to book the feature comedy which has made a hit wherever shown. You are missing one of the best pictures ever thrown on the screen at the Exhibit theatre when you miss seeing "The Bell Hop." A three reel production is also on the program for tonight. It is entitled "The Man With the Iron Heart." See the mob of strikers

and the heart rending scene where the mill owner's wife leaves until his heart softens and he yields to the demands of the working men. An unusual feature program for tonight.

"Sunshine and Tempest" at the Majestic Tonight.

A Rialto star feature in three acts is the chief attraction at the Majestic theatre tonight. "Sunshine and Tempest" is the name of this heart throbbing drama. The picture is one of the best ever produced by the Rialto company. It surpasses all other two reel and three reel photo plays of a like nature. Florence Tempest and Marie Sunshine are the names of the stars who play the leading parts in "Sunshine and Tempest." It is only on rare occasions that you are given opportunity of seeing a Rialto production.

The concluding reel is entitled "The Corsican Brothers Up-to-Date," a one reel novelty comedy with a scream in every foot of film.

Thursday's feature is a three reel entitled "The Victim."

"The Broken Coin" at the Arcana Tonight.

The nineteenth episode of "The Broken Coin" is at the Arcana tonight. In this episode Francis Ford opens again with the volcanic scenes which closed the 18th episode. Dense billows of smoke pour out of the crater of a volcano and fanatic natives carry Kitty, Grace Cunard, up to the seething cauldron below the crater's rim and threaten to throw her in. Great chunks of lava and hissing steam fall about them. See how Kitty is rescued from death at the crater of a volcano.

J. Warren Kerrigan is featured in the western love drama of "A Life at Stake." Kerrigan is assisted by Hazel Buckham and Norbert A. Myles. Victor western stars, "Tears and Sunshine" is one of those laugh producing comedies with Gertrude Selby and Alice Howell in the feature parts.

Macabre Night At Temple Theatre

Tonight the Temple theatre on Eleventh street will be given over to the Macabres where they will exhibit to the patrons of the house and others, an American production entitled "Man To Man," the romance of an Eastern girl in the West, featuring Anna Little, Jack Richardson and Jimsey Maye. This is an exceedingly interesting film and the Temple should be packed at all performances.

The benefit is for a worthy cause and Manager Smittle is looking for fine business on this excellent feature. Go to the Temple theatre tonight.

At the Strand

Tonight the Strand presents Ben Wilson in "Springtime of the Spirit," 3-reel Rex prize broker's love drama. The beautiful manner in which the director has developed the strong story in the picture brings about a convincing and logical ending, and a splendid opportunity for the fine acting of which he is capable, and makes an idealistic photo play of greatest charm.

Fourth reel is "Louisa's Battle With Cupid," a United Film Service, Luna brand comedy featuring Dot Farley and is just the right sort to put a person in good humor for the evening.

THEATRICAL

Manager Lee of the new Sun Theatre, received a telegram last night stating that it would be impossible for the Adair Stooch Co. to open here Christmas day, owing to sickness. In place of the above company, a clever musical comedy of fourteen people have been booked in and will open here tomorrow, Thursday instance, for a three day engagement. The company will give an entirely different bill each night. This promises to be a clever comedy offering and a treat to all who enjoy musical shows.

Lots of fun, a bunch of pretty girls, good music and clever dancing will make up a good bill for each night, so don't miss it.

Items From Harrison Furnace

Harrison Furnace school is preparing a Christmas program and tree for Friday afternoon. Miss Eva Russell, of Little Hocking, Ohio, is spending the winter with Mrs. J. M. Pugh and family.

Louden Lindsey, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks, is able to be about. J. M. Pugh, an N. & W. employee, is home for a few days. Work still continues on Harrison Furnace Pike. It is hoped that the road will soon be completed.

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TO APPOINT SISTER

City Solicitor-elect Anselm Skelton announced this morning that he would appoint his sister, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, nee Grace Skelton, as his clerk when he took office January 1st. The position pays \$40 a month. Mrs. Anderson has been his stenographer for the past year.

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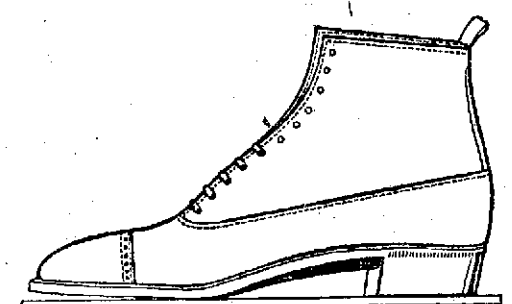
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ALL THE NEWS FROM SCIOTO CO. TOWNS

WALLINGFORD

Christmas is drawing near and everyone should endeavor to keep the day a Christmas-like as possible.

Miss Ota Hester, a charming young lady of Minerva, and her brother, Evan, were pleasant guests at the home of your scribe Wednesday.

Fletcher and T. P. Lee have gone to Lexington.

Claud Jones, who has been visiting here, returned to Fayette county.

Uncle Poko Whalen and daughter Mrs. Virie Lantieri, are visiting

in Cincinnati.

We regret very much to learn of the death of the little four-year-old daughter of Rev. Stotler and wife, who was burned to death at her home at this place a short time ago. Our deepest sympathy is with the bereaved ones in this dark hour of affliction and sorrow. Though they may not know why they were thus called upon to bear this loss, yet God's will be done. Our sorrows often come as blessings in disguise. The wounds which are only flesh marks now, in the years to come may be only a sad, sweet memory. To the fond parents this angel of light

was given to brighten the home for a few short years, binding herself to them by chords of tenderest affection. Then in an unexpected moment she was called away, to shine in a fairer, and brighter clime.

Her little feet, which had not tread far on life's pathway, are now walking with joy the "Green Fields of Light." Safe in the shepherd's care she is resting free from the pain and heartache which are the heritage of all here below. Within the home there is a vacant chair, and a voice once loved is stilled; yet there is One who has promised never to forsake or leave us alone. We commend the father and mother to Him who hath said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Your earthly loss is Heaven's gain. She's claimed a mansion fair, And can't come to you again, But you can go to her.

With beckoning hands she waits for you Beyond the "Mythic Tide." Yet still her spirit's ever near, To be your constant guide.

What though her body slumbers here, Within the silent tomb, Bright angels guard her place of rest, And rob the grave of gloom.

Weep not, for when life's journey's o'er, You'll clasp her hands again, Upon the fair, eternal shore, Where cometh naught of pain.

Then reunited you shall be, Where partings never come, To live with her eternally, Within the Heavenly Home.

HOLCOMB CITY

T. E. Thompson was a business visitor at Ironton Monday.

James Potts, of Arion, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Jay Copas, Sunday and Monday.

Forest Helt returned home from Clark county, where he has been employed for the past few months.

Alton Liston, James Snook and Frank Moore delivered three fine loads of hogs to Peebles, Saturday.

Miss Leona Thatcher, of Portsmouth, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

George White was a Portsmouth visitor last week.

Mrs. James Johnson and daughter, Mary, of Portsmouth, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Moore.

George Chambers spent last week in Mayville, Ky.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Powell, a fine baby girl.

Wilbur Robertson was visiting relatives in Portsmouth Friday and Saturday.

William Liston, of Rushtown, was the guest of his brother, Alton, last week.

Lawrence Perry is sick.

Our school is progressing nicely under the able management of Prof. Geo. W. Hilt.

Walter Hoffer, of Mt. Hope, was seen on our streets Sunday.

Boys, get your bells ready. We understand there will be a wedding in our vicinity soon.

We are sorry to hear of the serious illness of Mrs. Geo. Brown, of Miller's Ridge.

Albert Hoffer left for Buckhorn Furnace Saturday.

Mrs. H. O. Adams left Tuesday to visit her mother at Wilmington, O.

HAVERHILL

Misses Mary and Jessie Banshaw and Lillian Davidson were shopping in Ironton Saturday.

Mr. William Brush and Mr. Frank Boynton were business visitors in Ironton Saturday.

Mr. J. F. Rogers, of Washington C. H., came Saturday to spend Sunday with his sister, Mrs. M. E. Yingling.

Miss Ruth Hughes has gone to Huntington to have her eyes treated.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Highland was buried Thursday morning. It had pneumonia.

Mrs. Shropshire, who has been visiting Mrs. Lina Ault for several weeks, left for Dayton, O., on Wednesday.

Mrs. Trumble's class of young ladies gave an oyster supper Saturday evening at the Ohio Baptist church for the benefit of Missions.

Miss Helen Butterfield, who has been on the sick list for a few days, is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dempsey were in Ironton and Russell on business Monday.

Messrs Earl and Eliza Wade attended a wedding at Sciotoville Saturday evening.

WEST HAMILTON

Most people of this vicinity are now through husking corn and butchering seems to be the order of the day.

Charles Galbrunner, of near Fairview, was visiting Charles Herman and family last week.

Laura Halbrook, of near Webster, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. Karm, O. B. Riegel, of Sand Ridge, and

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OFFERING

Miss Clara Miller, of Petersburg, have added their names to the long list of newly-arriveds of this vicinity.

They were given an old-fashioned serenading Thursday night, after which the groom treated the crowd to cigars, candy and apples. All departed at a late hour, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Riegel a long and happy married life.

Charles Flaker, who has been sick, is not much improved.

George Snodgrass was a Jackson visitor Wednesday.

Herb Gahn, who has been employed near Oak Hill the past summer, has returned home.

Carl Herrman and Earl Keller were Portsmouth visitors Friday.

John Sudbrook was calling on Will Fout and family, Sunday.

M. C. Riegel is sick.

JACKSON

Mrs. Hollister, of Zanesville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Martin, on South street.

John Arthur Lloyd, of Williamson, W. V., is visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Miller.

Mrs. Frank Ewing entertained the Auction Club at her home on Portsmouth street, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. S. A. Miller, of Chillicothe, spent Sunday at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Robert Taryso has returned from Mansfield, where she visited her son for several days.

Miss Inez Thawes returns to her home Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, after which she will resume her studies at the O. S. U.

Mr. James I. Bodkin, of Chillicothe, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Poore.

Mrs. Paul West, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thomas, on Pearl street.

The Elks had a large charity party Friday afternoon. Quite a number of ladies attended and a nice sum was realized for the purpose for which it was given.

Mrs. Ella Evans and daughter, Corinne, left today for Fort Oglethorpe, Tennessee, to visit Mrs. Cryer Clark during the holidays.

Miss Lillian Jones is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jones, after which she will resume her study of music in Chicago.

Miss Dorothy Eldridge has returned from Cincinnati, where she spent several days shopping.

Miss Sibyl Powell entertained with a week-end house party at her home on South street. The guests were Misses Ledia Allen and Miss Craig; Messrs. Reed Powell, Allen Rabin and Ray Paul, of Columbus.

Mr. Ripley Rathbun, of Lancaster, is spending a few days among his old friends in Jackson.

Mrs. Hamilton Booth is the guest of relatives at Kanova.

Miss Josephine Sloan will return to Cleveland Tuesday after spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Sloan.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Meyer, of Pittsburgh, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Meyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGilberry are spending the week with his father, Judge McGilberry and family.

Mrs. Herbert Trago has returned from a visit with relatives in Nebraska.

Master Teddy Gorkins entertained a number of his young friends Friday night at his home on Locust street.

LOWER ROCKY

Rev. J. J. Upton is holding a two weeks' revival at Berea Chapel. It is doing great good.

Mr. Arthur Humphrey returned to his home at Peebles Monday after spending Saturday and Sunday with his cousins, Annie, Edna and John Kratzer.

Miss Myrtle Hempleman spent Monday evening with her friend, Annie Kratzer.

Misses Lucille Robinson, of Midway, and Edna Kratzer attended church at Berea Chapel, Sunday.

Mrs. F. S. Browne called on her friend, Mrs. Annie Kratzer, Monday.

Mrs. J. J. Upton and Mrs. Peter Peeding, of Otway, took dinner with Mrs. S. S. Robinson, Sunday.

Mr. Oakley Newman and Everett Redman, of Illinois, will spend Christmas with home folks.

Mrs. K. A. Lawson, who has been sick, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton visited Mr. and Mrs. W. Kratzer and family, Sunday.

Rev. Williams spent Saturday night with Mr. Lee, Howard and family.

Mr. Warren Kratzer killed a fine porker last week. He was assisted by J. M. Hamilton, of Midway.

Mrs. F. S. Brown, of Rolling Water, and Mrs. Warren Kratzer expect to make a business trip to Otway.

Mr. E. N. Hempleman has disposed of his old tobacco.

Mrs. M. F. Chapman, of Pine Hollow, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Annie Jackson, of Portsmouth.

Mr. Oscar Chapman's smiling face was not seen at Berea Chapel. What's the matter, Oscar?

Mrs. Laura Browne was calling on her aunt, Mrs. A. P. Robinson, Monday.

Great preparations for Christmas are being made around Midway and other places near.

Warren Kratzer, of Wallingville, made a business trip to Otway, Monday.

The roads are in very bad condition at present time.

Miss Annie Kratzer, who has been very ill for the past week, is improving.

Mr. John Robinson, who has been working in Illinois, has returned home to spend the holidays.

Mr. A. P. Robinson is very busy making him a new sled. Pretty good idea.

Mr. F. C. Fite attended the funeral of his mother, Mrs. Fite, of Brown county.

Mrs. F. S. Brown, of Rolling Water, visited her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pierce, of Loafers' Point.

SOME VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. John Warncke and daughter, Marjorie, entertained a number of their friends Sunday.

Those present were as follows: Rev. Conley, Rev. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. John Yoley and son, Elbert, Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Jenkins, Sr., Mrs. John Kemper, Mrs. Frank Delaguer, Mrs. Alvira Fleming, Mrs. Susan Ashley, Miss Della Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner and Mr. Colegrove.

Mr. and Mrs. August Pignet and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ashley.

Miss Bertha Ruth, of Lyra, spent Tuesday with Miss Minnie Sommer.

Quite a few of the young folks from this place attended the spelling at Vernon Friday evening and all reported a dandy time.

Revival meeting will begin at Union church the second Saturday in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murlin and Mr. and Mrs. John Grashel and family, of Scioto Furnace, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Justice.

Mr. Everett Lemon, of Vernon, spent Sunday with his cousins, Messrs. Stanley and Weldon Turner.

Mr. Andrew Sommer has been hauling hay and straw to Portsmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yoley are the proud parents of a little baby boy.

Mrs. Levi Jenkins, who has been ill at her home near Gophardt's, is improving.

Messrs. Russell and Harold Andee, of Lyra, attended church at the Christian church Saturday night.

LILLY, OHIO.

Rev. Conley held services at Union church Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Charlie Jenkins and son, Gilbert, visited at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Dawson, of New Boston, Tuesday.

Mrs. Lewis White made a business trip to Portsmouth, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kemper had as guests Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Pete Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cottle, Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner and children and Mr. Arthur Cottle.

Mrs. Mary Morgan, of Lima, O., was visiting her sisters Mrs. Albert Morgan and Mrs. Isaac Graham, of this place, last week.

Miss Mary Cottle, who has been staying in Portsmouth, will spend Christmas with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Allard, of Sciotoville, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Grashel and family.

Mrs. S. S. Robinson, of Sciotoville, will give a Christmas entertainment Sunday.

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Walt's Sunday school will give a Christmas entertainment Christmas night.

MT. HOPE

Mr. Arthur Evans, of Otway, was in this vicinity last week buying fur.

Walter Hilt was an Otway visitor Monday.

Mr. Robert Sloan, of Sciotoville, and brother, Mr. Edward Sloan, of Reesville, were business visitors in this vicinity last week.

School is progressing nicely at this place under the able management of Miss Hazel Lemon.

The Sunday school attendance at this place was 39 last Sunday.

Mr. John Hilt is about laid up with a cold.

Perry Smalley returned home a few days ago from Clinton county, where he has been husking corn.

Oscar McIntyre add a nice bunch of fur last week to Arthur Evans, of Otway.

Mr. H. O. Adams was at Otway.

Monday.

There will be a Christmas entertainment given at the Mt. Hope school house Thursday night, December 23, by the Sunday school. Everybody invited.

DUTEL'S CORNER

Rev. J. U. Fox, of Pedro, started a revival meeting at Mt. Hope Sunday night.

George Roof is visiting his brother, Henry Roof, of this place.

Misses Bertha Carraway, Hazel Ruth and Mary Monroe, who are attending school at Wheelersburg, were visiting with home folks Sunday.

J. J. Perry spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. John Farrell.

Miss Bill Carraway, who has been sick for some time, is no better at this writing.

D. E. Rath, of Deer Valley, is visiting relatives here.

Reuben Miller, D. T. & J. conducted, spent Friday with E. W. Rath.

Rev. Kelley took dinner with Henry Roof, Sunday.

Thousands have this disease—and don't know it

You may be afflicted with that dread disease of the teeth, pyorrhea, and not be aware of it. It is the most general disease in the world! The germ which causes it inhabits every human mouth—your mouth, and is constantly trying to start its work of destruction there.

Don't wait until the advanced stages of the disease appear in the form of bleeding gums, tenderness in chewing and loose teeth. You can begin now to ward off these terrible results. Accept the advice dentists everywhere are giving, and take special precautions by using a local treatment in your daily toilet.

To meet this need for local treatment and to enable everyone to take the necessary precautions against this disease, a prominent dentist has put his own prescription before the public

in the convenient form of Senecio Tooth Paste.

Senecio contains the best corrective and preventive for pyorrhea known to dental science. Used daily it will successfully protect your teeth from this disease.

Senecio also contains the best harmless agent for keeping the teeth clean and white. It has a refreshing flavor and leaves a wholesomely clean, cool and pleasant taste in the mouth.

Start the Senecio treatment tonight—full details in the folder wrapped around every tube.

Symptoms described. A 25c two oz. tube is sufficient for six or eight weeks of the pyorrhea treatment. Get Senecio at your druggists today, or send 4c in stamps or coin for sample tube and folder. Address The Senecio Remedies Co., 504 Union Central Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.



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CHRISTMAS IS SWEETER TIME

Child's plain white and red wool sweaters for	48c
Boys' plain grey and red wool sweaters with shawl collar	98c
Men's Sweaters in grey, brown and maroon, part wool	98c
Men's woolen red and grey sweaters, rope stitch, extra heavy	\$1.90
Men's wool worsted sweaters, either with or without shawl collar, all colors only	\$2.40
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Beautiful Ties in great variety. All the colors of the rainbow are represented.

Men's reversible Silk 4-in-hand in plain and fancy colors 19c

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Men's handsome, extra quality silks either in open end or the new De Joinville. An array of colors that will surely be pleasing. Boxed in regal style and only 48c

BOYS' SUITS IN GREAT VARIETY

Electric Lanterns Free With Suits \$3.90 Up.

Boys' Suits in all sizes, well and strongly made \$1.90

Boys' Suits, neat plaids, very latest models \$2.90

Royal Suits in a swell line of handsome colors, all made in the new styles \$4.40

Boys' Suits in the finest cloths, all pants full lined. You must see these to fully appreciate them \$5.40

HOCKEY CAPS FOR SLEIGHING Boys' and Girls' Wool Hockey Caps 25c

Only Two More Days To Do Your Buying—We'll Help You All We Can

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Practical Gifts for Practical Buyers
Stock all new, fresh and clean.

MEN'S SUSPENDERS FOR CHRISTMAS ARE THE THING

Men's President Suspenders in beautiful holiday boxes, this season's rage	39c
Men's Lisle Web Suspenders with special Yuletide hunkles all nicely boxed	39c
Men's Lisle Suspenders, leather ends to match	19c
Boys' Lisle Web Suspenders	10c

BATH ROBES WILL SURELY SUIT HIM FOR CHRISTMAS

We have them with slippers to match at a big saving of money. They are marked down to	\$2.40
Bath Robes with slippers to match, all pure wool blanket cloth	\$5.40

DOCTORS GO ON RECORD FOR COUNTY HOSPITAL

Want Institution In Keeping With Progressive City

Members of the Hampstead Academy of Medicine, at a called meeting Tuesday afternoon, unanimously passed a resolution, favoring the construction of a new modern hospital in this city, to include not less than 200 beds and facilities for caring for that many patients.

The estimated cost of a hospital such as provided in the resolution is between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Discussion of proposed sites for the new institution occupied a portion of the time of the meeting, but the physicians did not seem so much concerned over the site as they were over the possibility of securing a hospital commensurate with the city's needs. The question of site, they felt, could be taken up after the preliminary matters had been disposed of.

Sentiment among part of the physicians at the meeting was that the new hospital should be a county hospital instead of a city

hospital. Various reasons were assigned for this. It is claimed that the present hospital is used by rural patients almost as much as by patients residing in the city, while it is also felt that politics will not be so evident in a county-managed institution.

The president was authorized to name a committee of three members to investigate the feasibility of making it a county institution. This committee will be named within the next few days.

In the meantime, the members of the Academy will use their best offices to crystallize sentiment all over the city in favor of a new hospital of modern construction and modern equipment, one that will serve the needs of the city for years to come, and at the same time, measure up favorably with the hospitals of other cities of the same size and larger.

In the event that the project materializes, many of the physicians favor the use of the present hospital as an institution where contagious diseases will be treated.

Meetings of the Academy will be held more frequently during the next few months to stimulate interest in the hospital project. The next regular meeting of the Academy will be held early in January, while a called meeting is already considered for about the middle of January.

Don't let another sun set with your WANT untold. Use the TIMES which reaches over 9,000 homes every day.

Rev. J. C. Jackson Has Great Faith In The Sunny South

Chillicothe, Dec. 22.—Rev. J. C. Jackson, superintendent of the Chillicothe Methodist Episcopal District, has written to the Gazette a letter bearing much solid information on agriculture and the southern states, which ought to be of immense benefit to many readers of the Gazette. The letter runs as follows:

To the Editor of The Scioto Gazette:

Go South, Young Man! Go South!

Thus would I change the slogan of Horace Greeley, of forty years ago, from his then popular cry, "Go West, Young Man, Go West." For the new South is what the new West then was for home seekers. It is the most inviting place known to the writer for young men wishing to acquire a good farmstead. Land prices in the desirable regions of the North and of the West have now become practically prohibitive for penniless boys. What chance is there for a young man, without an inheritance, to earn enough by manual toil to buy anything like enough acres in the fertile portions of Ohio to make for himself a home where he may hope to rear a family and educate them for their life calling? With desirable lands selling at prices ranging from \$75 to \$175 per acre, in the northern states, the chances for a day laborer, or a wage earner in any trade, getting enough ahead to buy forty or fifty acres are not bright.

But in the South there are many places where lands can be bought at from \$5 to \$15 per acre. It is good land, too. The development of the South, agriculturally, is about where that of the West was 50 years ago. While it is an old country, the agriculture has been limited in many places almost exclusively to cotton-raising. Diversified farming is only now being introduced, but with the most satisfactory results. Corn, wheat, oats, alfalfa, clover and various hay grasses are produced abundantly.

Cotton is still a staple, and there's the trouble with the native farmer. He can borrow a third of its annual value on it as soon as it is planted, and the remainder comes in a few months later. Then he has nothing more to do till the next season, and too often he is glad of it. In places where northern farmers have located, and introduced the better and diversified methods of crop-raising, the community looks like a different country. Stock raising also proves immensely profitable. The short mild winters allow hogs, cattle and other stock to pasture and live a large part of the winter in the open. And there is a ready market for the improved kinds of stock—hogs, cattle, poultry, etc.

The particular localities which the writer visited are in northern Alabama. But the same conditions are common to many other Southern states. Three to five crops of alfalfa can be raised in one season, bringing from \$20 to \$28 per ton. Corn yields easily 50 to 80 bushels per acre, as the reward of careful cultivation. Oats often run up to 30 or 40 bushels per acre. Corn sells today in Gadsden, Alabama, for 80 to 90 cents per bushel. Cotton brings \$65 per bale, and yields an average crop of a bale to the acre, where anything like good farming is done. Two bales of cotton yield a ton of cottonseed, which also brings \$15 per ton.

There is no difficulty in paying for one's land in one or two seasons. I am not a land agent, but if I were a young man desiring to make a good living and accumulate wealth, I would go south and farm. The west offers no such opportunities today, nor does cold Canada. Of course, there are some social disadvantages. Slavery left the south poor, and many of

the people, whites as well as blacks, have no ambition to do more than live from hand to mouth. Consequently schools and churches are not so numerous nor so well advanced as in the north and west. But there is a rapid improvement going on in all social ways, and now is the time to step in and be a sharer in producing it, and win an influence in the community. The energetic class of Southerners are only too glad to welcome Northern settlers. What they want is capital and enterprise. There can be no doubt that in a few years emigration will turn southward and lands

will advance in prices by miles and bounds. The writer would be very glad to explain further to any ambitious, industrious, economical young man, who is interested in getting on in the world, how to go about securing such a term with land owners there as will make this prospect realizable. It goes without saying that a man with a family of small children would have to be possessed of some capital even to move into the South; but a newly married couple could start with only two or three hundred dollars, and soon acquire a secure foothold. It is in the interests of worthy, struggling young men, who wish to gain a home for themselves that this letter is written. I am in hearty sympathy with all such persons. The more so by reason of myself having been reared a farmer.

JOHN C. JACKSON,
Chillicothe, Ohio.

GETTING MANY ANSWERS

Judge Thomas is still receiving solutions and answers to his problem, printed in the Times a few weeks ago, for the first correct arithmetical solution for which he offered a prize of \$5.

Answers were received this morning from Cleveland, Ashland, Huntington, Ironton, from nearby towns, and a few from this city. The number of answers now exceed the 150 mark, and they are still coming in.

The majority of the late contestants continue to make the same mistake as the earlier ones,

in that they send answers that are not accompanied by solutions. Of course, none of these can be considered, for Judge Thomas stipulated plainly that the problem must be worked out by arithmetic, and the solution turned in with the answer.

Within the next few days, Judge Thomas will name a committee of three prominent local educators to make the award. The correct solution and answer that was received first will be declared the winner, and the prize awarded to the person who submitted it.

Dr. Hawk Will Be Santa Claus

Dr. Harry Hawk, a local dentist, is again going to enact the role of Santa Claus this year.

In his offices in the Zoellner block, Third and Chillicothe streets, at 6 o'clock Thursday evening, Dr. Hawk will entertain the newsboys of the Times and The Star, who look after street sales for these papers. Every lad who sells The Times. Noon

Extra or the regular evening edition, and the Star will be invited to Dr. Hawk's Santa Claus party. The usual gifts of candies, nuts and oranges will be given away to the hustling newsies, who will be there with the proverbial bells.

It will be a happy, beam-ing band of newsies, who will storm Dr. Hawk's offices tomorrow evening.

Sciotoville Depot Damaged By Fire

Fire resulting from the explosion of a lamp badly damaged the interior of the waiting room at the N. & W. station at Sciotoville about five o'clock Tuesday evening. Agent L. A. Powell, was at supper at the time of the fire and had not the flames been discovered by employees of the Curtis-Ward Contracting Company, with offices near the station, the building would have probably been destroyed.

The lamp hung on the waiting

room wall near the ticket window. The lamp exploded and the oil which ran to the floor caught fire. The interior of the room was badly scorched. Fire extinguishers from the Curtis-Ward auto trucks were used to put out the fire.

The Hazlebeck company will insure you. 819 Gallia St. adv

PLANT CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS

During the rush and excitement perhaps you have forgotten to send in your laundry this week. If this has been the case, use Phone 178, and providing your laundry is collected early Thursday morning it will be returned Friday.

THE AMERICAN STEAM LAUNDRY CO.

NEW SHIPMENTS RECEIVED TODAY
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Christmas Suggestions

Pipes
Drums
Cigars
Candy
Combs
Knives
Purses
Perfumes
Gold Pens
Bill Books
Toilet Sets
Cigar Cases
Shaving Sets
French Harps
Hair Brushes
Smoking Sets
Ivory Mirrors
Ivory Brushes
Pocket Books
Ice-Hot Bottles
Gillette Razors
Military Brushes
Fancy Stationery
Other Safety Razors
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THE BRAGDON DRY GOODS CO.

Store Open Evenings Until 9:30

From every angle this store is prepared to put every moment of your shopping time to the best account.

In spite of the heavy selling of the past few days our stocks are practically complete.

New, fresh arrivals in Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Wool Scarfs, Wool Tocques, Wool Scarf and Tocque Sets, Bath Robes, Kimonos, Umbrellas, Table Damask, Underwear, etc.

Prompt and cheerful service, choice selection of merchandise, lowest prices—all help to make your Xmas shopping easy and pleasant.

The Bragdon Dry Goods Co.

The Store Accommodating

Masonic Temple

Fourth and Chillicothe Sts.

Diamonds The Ideal Gift

When considering buying a diamond it is to your interest to see Wilhelm.

I can positively save you money, quality considered as I buy direct from one of the largest cutters and importers in America.

I can give you any size and price stone from \$4.50 to \$450.00, loose or mounted as you desire.

I invite comparison of prices.
QUALITY DIAMONDS MY HOBBY.

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The Jeweler

507 Chillicothe Street

OFFICERS NOMINATED BY PAINTERS UNION

Nominations of candidates for J. A. Huang, Lee Ferguson. offices in Local No. 555, Painters and Paperhangers, for the coming year, featured the regular meeting of the local Tuesday evening at the Central Labor Council Hall.

The following nominations were made: President, Lee Ferguson; vice president, Robert Gray; Thomas Yarnell; recording secretary, William Rudy; financial secretary, Thomas Yarnell; Charles Grice; treasurer, Ernest Long; Charles Grice; warden, Charles Dawson; Robert Gray; conductor, Charles Grice; trustee,

Further nominations can be made at the meeting next Tuesday evening, when the election will be held. Installation of officers will be held on the first Tuesday evening in January, and will be followed by a smoker.

Read some interesting High Water Facts on Page 7. adv.

...The... Sugar Bowl

Full line of Lowrey's and Morse's Box Candies from 30c to \$6.00 per box

Home made candies of every description, pure, fresh and delicious.

CANES and RINGS A SPECIALTY

You know the candy we make is the best to be had Christmas without candy is no Christmas at all.

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O. S. SLATTERY, Prop.

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Phone 1471

ELKS MEET TONIGHT

The regular meeting of the Portsmouth Lodge of Elks this evening promises to be largely attended, as the board of governors will present several radical recommendations for the approval of the lodge as a whole. Cards have been mailed out to each member, urging his attendance.

Stock Co. Cancels

Manager Lee, of the Sun theater, received word Wednesday that the John Adair Stock Company would not be able to open its engagement at the Sun theater Christmas day on account of illness of some of the troupe. The show has been playing a number of weeks in Marion, O., and a greater part of their scenery was ready to come ahead, when sickness overtook several of the players of the leading parts. An effort is being made to book a show for Christmas.

Going Home For Christmas
Clyde Rousch, who is employed on the Lawson Run viaduct, will leave Thursday for Columbus, to spend the Yuletide with home folks.

Speaks Thursday Night.
Harry Edwards will speak at the R. R. M. C. A. Thursday night instead of Friday night.

THE MERRY CHRISTMAS STORE!

MEN'S SUITS
\$8 TO \$30
MEN'S OVERCOATS
\$8 TO \$28
MEN'S RAINCOATS
\$5 TO \$25
LOUNGING ROBES
\$4 TO \$10
SMOKING JACKETS
\$5 TO \$10
BATH ROBES
\$4 TO \$10
MEN'S FANCY VESTS
\$2 TO \$5
MEN'S DRESS VESTS
\$2 TO \$4
MEN'S MACKINAW
\$5 TO \$12

MEN'S SWEATERS
\$1 TO \$8
CARDIGAN JACKETS
\$3 TO \$5
MEN'S UMBRELLAS
\$1 TO \$5
MEN'S GLOVES
50c TO \$5
MEN'S TROUSERS
\$2 TO \$6
MEN'S HATS
\$1 TO \$5
MEN'S CAPS
50c TO \$2
FUR CAPS
\$2 TO \$8
TRUNKS
\$3 TO \$30



The store where most men and boys of the community buy their wearing apparel is Hall Bros. Why not buy their Christmas presents from us. We are in position to help you select and suggest what would please your male relatives and friends.

Hall Bros.
MASONIC TEMPLE CHILLICOTHE AND FOURTH

MEN'S SHOES
\$3 TO \$8
MEN'S SLIPPERS
\$2 TO \$3
MEN'S UNDERWEAR
50c TO \$3
MEN'S SHIRTS
50c TO \$4
MEN'S PAJAMAS
\$1 TO \$3
MEN'S NIGHT ROBES
50c TO \$1.50
MEN'S NECKWEAR
25c TO \$1.50
MEN'S MUFFLERS
50c TO \$2
TRAVELING BAGS
\$2 TO \$20

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS
10c TO \$1
MEN'S BELTS
25c TO \$1
MEN'S SUSPENDERS
25c TO \$1
MEN'S GARTERS
25c TO 50c
MEN'S HALF HOSE
10c TO \$1
MEN'S COLLARS
15c TO 25c
MEN'S JEWELRY
Of All Kinds
COLLAR BAGS
SHOE BAGS
SUIT CASES
\$1 TO \$15

HELP MAKE XMAS CHEER FOR POOR; SEND IN YOUR DONATION

Scenes of real activity are being witnessed in the headquarters of the Associated Charities on Gay street, as preparations are being made to send out 50 well-filled baskets, the deliveries to be made probably Friday noon according to a statement made Wednesday by Deaconess Miss Letta Adams. No additional names for baskets will be received after today and the headquarters will be closed Thursday and Friday as far as giving relief is concerned. Miss Adams and her corps of willing assistants, will be busy these days getting the baskets ready for distribution. As usual they will contain toys for the children, all kinds of groceries canned goods, potatoes, cake and fruit.

Miss Adams announced today that a splendid donation of toys, groceries, canned goods and fruit had been received from the Fourth Street M. E. church.

Any one who wishes to donate anything to these baskets should do so at once. Miss Adams stated Wednesday that anything would be acceptable.

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Had A Fight With Savage Raccoon

Frank Johnley, a Lonsdaleville farmer, had an exciting fight with a big raccoon while returning home from a rabbit hunt about dusk Monday evening. Johnley's dog attacked the raccoon.

Contractor Biles Busy
Contractor James Biles was engaged Wednesday in doing some tile work in the home of Guy V. Williams, of 1654 Fifth street.

LOCAL BOY ON COAST OF MEXICO

With the expeditionary force of United States Marines hurried to the west coast of Mexico to prevent a possible massacre of Americans and other foreigners by hostile Yaquis in the vicinity of Topolobampo, is Charles P. Lawrence, of this city.

Charles, who is a brother of Luther D. Lawrence, of Portsmouth, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at Portland, Ore., on January 14, 1913, and, until the order came to embark on the San Diego, was stationed with the battalion of marines at the San Diego Exposition.

The marine's life is kept filled with excitement and adventure. He goes to all parts of the world in the performance of duty, and young Lawrence has had many interesting experiences while serving with the soldiers of the sea.

Baseball Machine Bought For Ironton

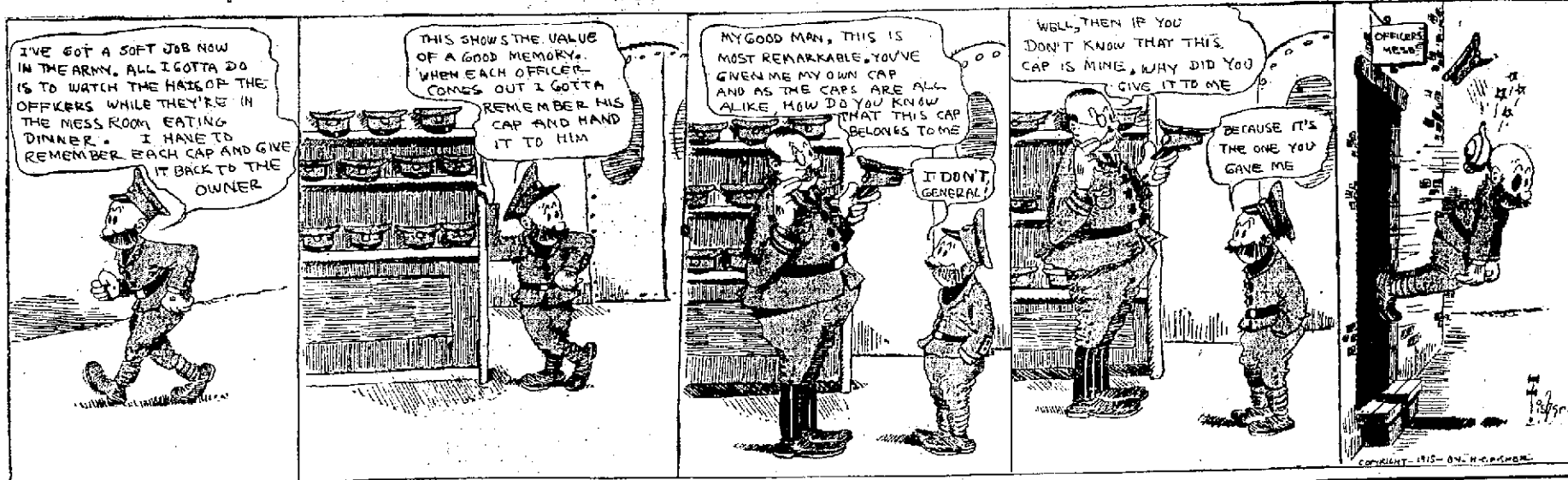
Henry Frowine, of this city, has placed an order for an automatic indoor base ball machine and will install it in the room on Center street, Ironton, which was formerly occupied by the Register Publishing Company. Mr. Frowine hopes to have the machine in working order within a few days.

Meeting To Boost New K. of P. Lodge

A meeting of local citizens interested in the formation of an East End Knights of Pythias Lodge was held Tuesday night in the Brady hall on Robinson avenue. County Deputy Edward Drahn presided. A number of preliminary matters have to be smoothed out before the lodge is definitely launched on the sea of fraternalism. "We are going slow about the matter so that we will make no mistakes," said James Liles, Wednesday. It is through his efforts that the third K. of P. lodge will be formed in the city. Another meeting will be held as soon as the details are worked out.

MUTT AND JEFF

— OF COURSE, JEFF COULDN'T VOUCH FOR THE GENERAL'S HONESTY — BY BUD FISHER



RIVER NEWS

Portsmouth, O., Dec. 22, 1915.
(75th Meridian Time.)

Place	High Water of River at	Low Water of River at	Change since last report	Forecast
Franklin	151 4.6 F	141 0.0		
Greensboro	18 9.4 F	13 0.0		
Pittsburgh	22 9.0 F	3.0 0.0		
Wheeling	35 18.6 F	7.0 0.0		
Zanesville	25 12.8 F	0.8 0.0		
Parkersburg	36 25.3 F	5.1 0.0		
Charleston	30 7.9 F	3.7 0.0		
Pt Pleasant	39 36.0 F	3.1 0.0		
Huntington	50 39.0 F	2.1 0.0		
Catlettsburg	60 42.7 F	1.9 0.0		
Portsmouth	50 44.7 F	1.3 0.0		
Cincinnati	50 43.2 R	3.1 0.0		

FORECAST.

Generally fair over upper Ohio valley tonight and Thursday. River will fall.

H. C. DONNALLEY,
River Observer.

Are Getting "Next."
John Fritz and Thomas Gynan, the coming service and safety directors respectively, spent several hours around the city buildings Tuesday familiarizing themselves with the duties of the offices.

Mrs. James Daines, who has been sick for some time, is very low at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Bohner, 1216 Twelfth street.

NEW SHIPMENTS RECEIVED TODAY
BUY CHRISTMAS GIFTS AT THE WHEN

SCOOP THE CUB REPORTER

Only Three More Days Till Christmas

By "HOP"

IT SURE IS HARD TO BE TH' REGULAR SANTY YOUR WIFE EXPECTS YOU TO BE -

Leading Enclosed Car.
\$2775

Ride all day on one charge

THIS IS WHAT MRS. SCOOP HAS ASKED FOR - SHE HASN'T A CHANCE -

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SWEATER COAT
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Our store is full, you can give. Come and

Thimbles
\$17c

IT ISN'T TH' EXPENSE OF A GIFT - IT'S TH' LOVE - BACK OF IT - I'LL BUY THAT THIMBLE AND MAKE TH' WIFE'S PRESENT!



the front door unlocked for you. Now Santa please don't forget my little friend "Tommy Smith". He will stay all night with me and you can leave him a toy and some soap for his little dog "Babe". Your little friend,

OVEL SPRIGGS,
Lucasville, Ohio.

Dear Santa Claus—I am seven years old and go to school every day. Santa I have got all my playthings that you have brought me, so I would like for you to please bring me a sled, a story book and anything else you want. Good-bye Santa, From your little girl

HAZEL SHOEMAKER,
1240 18th St.

Dear Santa Claus—I will write you a letter to let you know what I want for Xmas. I am a little girl four years old. I mind my mama and my papa. I want a cabinet, a little stove, a wagon, a china closet, an ironing board, a bed, a doll, a table, a set of chairs and a set of dishes, knives and forks, and candy, oranges, nuts, and fruits. Don't forget to bring mama and papa something nice.

MARGARET SALSBERY,
Fullerton, Ky.

Dear Santa Claus—Please send me what I ask for. I want a new dress, a pair of kid gloves, some candy and nuts that are good to eat and a trunk. Don't forget my little brother. He is a year old. He wants a high chair and some A. B. C. blocks for Christmas. Be sure to come.

AGNES ADKINS,
Fullerton, Ky.

Dear Santa Claus—Please send me what I ask for. I want a doll, a new dress, a trunk, some candy and some nuts that are good to eat.

GOLDIA ADKINS,
Fullerton, Ky.

Dear Santa Claus—We are little girl twins two years old and we want you to bring us lots of things. Santa Claus, will you please bring us baby dolls in long dresses with hushers in their month, little white cradles, beds and doll buggies for our dolls. A furniture set including a table, two chairs and a sideboard, a set of dishes, brooms. We also want teddy bears that growl and look like real bears with our names on them for our initials are alike, two rocking chairs, new dresses and little house slippers with fur around the top of them. This is all Santa Claus. We will leave the door open for papa says our chimney is not wide enough for you. Please don't forget mamma and papa. Your little friends,

ADA & ALMA COWDY,
P. S.—Please bring candy, oranges, nuts and a big Xmas tree.

Dear Santa Claus—I want a top, drum, a little automobile, a train, nuts and candy.

GODFREY BATES,
Don't forget my little friend Ivan Bender. He wants a tricycle, a gun, nuts, candy. Don't forget my little friend Raymond Raymond. He wants a stuffed dog, a stock horse, oranges and candy.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 8 years old. I live at 2106 8th St. I would like to have a moving picture machine, a model builder, a gun and a canon. I will close my letter.

HARRY BROOKS,
Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 2 years old and I want you to bring me a little lock and chain, a little doll, broom, little doll bed to lay my doll in and a doll cart and don't forget my little cousin, Howard Basham. Your little friend,

LUELLA BOWMAN,
Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 10 years old. I am a good girl. I go to school every day. I mind my little brother and help mamma all I can and now I want to tell you if you don't mind what I would like you to bring me for Xmas. I want a coat, hat, scarf, a pair of gloves, a pair of shoes, some handkerchiefs and ribbons, and if you have room, dear Santa, please bring me a ring and locket. And now I thank you so much for them. Now, dear Santa, don't forget my little brothers letters and read them, too. Oh, yes, dear Santa, don't forget my mamma and papa, and my cousin Philip Moore from Firebrick, O., and Grace Moore of Lorain. They will be here for Xmas for they would like something from you, too, Santa. Well, dear Santa, be sure and come. We will have the candles burning on the tree and the front door open so that you can find your way in. Well I will close for this year, from your loving little friend,

MARIE MOORE,
1524 Gallia St.

Dear Santa Claus—I would like a nice story book, a sled, a horn, a drum, a gun and everything good to eat. I am 8 years old. From your little friend,

HAROLD DEBO,
1313 Mound St.

Dear Santa Claus—I would like to have a doll, a set of dishes and a kitchen cabinet. From your little friend,

MILDRED DEBO,
1313 Mound St.

Dear Santa Claus—I would like to have a doll, a set of dishes, a table and everything good to eat. From your little friend,

HELEN DEBO,
1313 Mound St.

Dear Santa Claus—Oh please do not forget me on Christmas Eve. I am a good little school girl and want many pretty things. I want a nice doll that opens and shuts its eyes, a nice baby buggy, a china set, cook stove, some little chairs, a choo choo train some

have a tricycle, a hobby horse, a ball, a sled, a train and track and a wheelbarrow. Oh, yes, I would like to have a little white curly dog. Be sure and bring me some candy and nuts. And I guess that will be all this time.

From your little boy,
HARRY SAUNDERS,
1824 Grandview Avenue.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a good boy and go to bed early every night. I want you to bring me a drum like the one you brought Clyde Turvey last year. Also whistle, steam engine, jumping jack, street car, railroad train, sled, steamboat, gun, boots, sock cap and a red sweater like Ralph Haquard's. Please put lots of candy and nuts in my stockings. Don't forget me, dear Santa Claus. Your little boy,

WHILE BRUMFIELD,
Fourth and Bond Streets.

Dear Santa Claus—Will you please bring me a doll with a nipple in its mouth. Please bring me a trunk, a coat and a bracelet. Bring my sister the same. Please send plenty of fruit, candy and nuts and two pairs of gloves.

P. S.—Don't forget Virginia Heading.

MARGARET AND ELIZABETH ACKLEY,
Dear Santa Claus—I am 8 years old. Please bring me a Bible, a doll and some story books. Oh, Santa, don't forget my cousin, Robert. He wants lots of toys. Bring me lots of candy and nuts and oranges.

Your friend,
MARGARET PULSING,
P. S.—Santa, I live at 2134 Ninth street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 4 years old and I want you to bring me a big far-m wagon, a little house, a flash-light, a butterfly, a train that runs on a track, a set of blocks and a Model Builder, candy and oranges. And please, Santa, bring my little sister Jean two baby dolls and a bed for her dolls, a little table and 2 chairs, a dresser for her doll clothes, candy and a big Christmas tree for both of us. Goodbye Santa. Please don't forget anything.

PAUL WATSON HARTLEY,
Dear Santa Claus—I thought I would tell you what I want. I want an erector, a train and track, a pair of shoes, candy, nuts and fruits. I try to go to school every day. I try to be good at school. Will leave the front door open so I will shut my eyes and go to sleep, indeed. I won't like. From your little boy,

THEVAN MEADOWS,
2001 Sixth street.

Dear Santa: As my little brother is writing you for what he wants for Christmas I will tell you what I want. Bring me a writing desk, doll that goes to sleep, a set of dishes and lots of candy and nuts. I am a little girl six years old and go to school every day. As my little brother, Oscar, Jr., is so cute please bring him a teddy bear.

GLADYS HOFFMAN,
New Boston.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a telephone, a bell, an ironing board, some ribbons, a dress, a doll bed, a big doll, some nuts, oranges and candy. I am a good little girl. I live at 1423 High street.

ZELMA CANTERBURY,
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl one year and a half old. I live at 1312 Center street. I would like for you to bring me a chain for my locket, a baby bump, a set of dishes, and a table. Be sure and bring me lots of candy for I am an awful candy eater.

Cousa lovingly,
FLORENCE PINSON.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl four years old. Would you please bring me a nice doll, a rocking chair to rock her in, a street car and story books. I have a little brother Frank. Please bring him lots of toys. Please bring each of us lots of oranges, candy and nuts.

Your little friend,
MARY E. PULSING,
P. S.—Santa, don't forget my little cousins, Bobby and Lois.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a very nice little girl and go to school every day. As it is almost Christmas time I thought I would write you a letter and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a new red silk dress, a bracelet, a locket, a new cap and scarf, a ring, and the book of Polanna. I guess this will be all for this time. Good-bye. Your friend,

GRACE SAUNDERS,
1824 Grandview Avenue.

Dear Santa—I am the only little boy papa and mamma have. Have a bad cold and had to stay in the house. I want you to bring me a choo-choo train, a wheelbarrow, red-top boots, a doggie, a little wagon and lots of peanuts.

Your little friend,
HAROLD RHODES.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 6 years old and attend kindergarten every day. I want you to bring me a tricycle, a minkintosh, a tool chest, some candy and nuts. Don't forget mamma and papa. Mamma wants a coffee-pot, two new waists, pair of white gloves, a sweater and a cap.

HARRY PETERS,
715 Tenth Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I thought I would write to you a little early this time, for there are a few things I want very much. I would like to

bring me a raincoat and hat, a story book, some games and anything you would like to bring me.

From your little friend,
WALTER SIKES,
1720 Oakland Avenue.

Dear Santa Claus—I want you to bring me a nice big doll, a buggy, some blocks and a pretty book. And please trim my tree up nice. I live at 2128 Vinton Avenue.

Your little friend,
HAZEL TONEY.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring a No. 3 Builder, a flash-light, a good book, some tin soldiers. Bring my little sister Helen a doll and some blocks. I live at 2128 Vinton Avenue.

LEO TONEY.

Dear Old Santa—I am a good little girl, four years old. I want you to bring me a doll, safe, kitchen cabinet and a stove. Santa, bring me plenty of candy, nuts and oranges. Mother will leave the front door unlocked.

From your little friend,
ANNIE MARIE BRUCH.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl five years old. Most of the time I have to stay in the house with my mother. Please bring me a nice pony and a nice hat for my doll, a set of furs, a nice little dress for my doll, a dresser, a nice little trunk, a doll swing, lots of nice candy and four sacks of peanuts, a nice hat for me to wear to school. You know, dear Santa Claus, that I will go to school after you come, for I will soon be six years old. I want a nice sled to coast with, pair of Boy Scout gloves. Now, dear Santa, I want a fine large doll, all dressed up nice. This is all.

From your dear little friend,
MYRTLE WATROUS.

Dear Santa Claus—I want you to bring me a doll, a pair of glasses, a ring, a rain coat, a set of dishes, a piano, a watch, a little sewing machine, a little trunk, a little scissors, roller skates, lots of doll clothes, little dresses, little stove and cooking outfit, and rocking chair.

NONIE HOLLEY,
Sunshine, O.

Dear Santa Claus—I will be a year old Christmas. Please bring me a drum, a dog, sweater coat, and cap and a Billiken doll. Bring candy, nuts and oranges. Good-bye. From

MARY ELIZABETH WORKMAN, 944 Front Street.

Dear Santa—I do not want much for Christmas. I am a little girl and go to the Noel school. I want a kewpie doll, a doll trunk, a doll cradle, and a doll buggy. Oh, yes, I want an iron and iron stand. I saw lots of things Saturday that I want. Don't forget my friend Charlotte and Mary James. Yours truly,

ROBERTA STRICKLETT,
Rosemont Road.

P. S.—Don't forget my friend, Mildred Cunningham.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl seven years old. I would like to have a sled, a nice dollie, a bed for my doll and some nuts and candy and oranges. And do not forget my little friend Violet Smith. Yours truly,

FREIDA OBER,
Bertha, Ohio.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy two years old and I would like for you to bring me a wagon, a Billiken doll, candies, nuts and other good things to eat. With thanks,

WILLARD NEWMAN,
1921 20th Street,

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy eight years old and I want to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a safe and an American Model Builder and a mechanical train and a gattling gun and a searchlight. That is all this year. Your friend,

JOHN B. KNOWLES,
1605 Franklin Ave.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl ten years old. I want you to bring me a crying baby doll, a sled, a raincoat, a pair of shoes with white strings, a blue ribbon, a dress and a Christmas tree with lots of goodies on it. I want some nuts and apples, and candy. Please don't forget my little friends David McCarthy and Sylvia Jackson. Good-bye from your loving friend,

DOROTHY PATTON,
Be sure and come in any door you come to first.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a pair of pants, a sleigh, some candy and nuts. This will be all this time. I am a little boy eight years old. Your little friend,

EUGENE ADKINS,
Fullerton, Ky.

Dear Old Santa—I am a little girl 7 years old. I am trying to be a good girl. I go to school every day and in the second grade. Please bring me a big doll that goes to sleep, a doll buggy, a table, a set of china dishes, a little piano, not a big one like mamma's, a little one that I can play, a range stove, a cupboard with glass doors, a lamp

and a bed for my doll. And don't forget my sister Dorothy. She wants a big Teddy bear, a big chair for her Teddy, a locket, a china clock like mamma's, and bring us lots of candy, nuts and oranges, and please don't forget my two bigger sisters, and papa and mamma, and our little cousin, Floyd Osburn. Thanking you very much.

Your loving little friends,
NAOMI and DOROTHY COBURN.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl nearly three years old. Please do not forget me Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a rocking chair, a piano, a set of dishes, a table, a doll, a doll buggy and a Teddy Bear, and lots of good things to eat. Please do not forget my sister Stella and my little friend Lawrence Delaney at Sardinia, O.

Your little friend,
DOROTHY WARREN,
1216 Kinney street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 6 years old, go to school every day and I want you to please bring me a sled, a train, a fire department, a horn and a ball. And, Santa, my little brother wants a tricycle, little auto, a top, dog and a wagon, and don't forget my little sister. She wants a doll, a buggy, a little broom, table and 3 chairs, and dear old Santa please bring us a nice Christmas tree, some books and lots of candy, nuts and fruits. I will leave the door open. Your little friends,

ROBERT ROY AND HELEN OROPPER.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a good boy and I am nine years old. Will you bring me a wagon, a Model Builder, a tool chest, a pair of ice skates, a pair of Boy Scout gloves, a gun, and some story books and some candy. Be sure and come early for I expect to go and visit my grand parents in the country and I want to see you again. I think you are real nice. From your friend,

HENRY WATROUS.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl two years old. I am a good little girl and live at 2027 Grant street. I would like for you to bring me a doll and a buggy and bed for her and a stove, table, a set of dishes, some spoons, a little rocking chair and a new Teddy bear. Please bring little sister a rubber doll that will cry. I will be a good girl and go to bed early, so please don't forget me. I am your little girl,

DOROTHY LEWIS,
2027 Grant street.

Stiff Fingers Are Hereditary

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—In the proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences for December, Dr. Cushing of the Harvard Medical School and Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, announced to the Academy some results that he has found in studying the heredity of "stiff fingers," a type of congenital malformation of the hands or feet, known as "Syndactylism." He has studied the history of a family which migrated from Scotland to Virginia in 1700, and has found that "stiff fingers" are hereditary with the regularity which is expected in certain traits.

Of the more than 300 descendants of the Scotch emigrant about 25 per cent had "stiff fingers." In families in which neither parent was affected the children were not affected. In families in which one parent, either mother or father, was affected, about half of the children were affected with the malformation, and cases arise in which the defect is transmitted in out-spoken form by a parent in whom it is inconspicuous.

The growth of the finger nail is an inch and a half a year. It grows more quickly in summer than in winter. The nail of the middle finger grows the fastest and that of the thumb the slowest.

The Tartar's Foot. The Tartar's foot is short and heavy, the foot of a certain type of savage, and the toes are all the same length.

DAKIN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG, PRETTY

Grandma's recipe of Sage Tea and Sulphur deters so naturally that nobody can tell.

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; but few know that it also cures itching scalp and keeps falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you have used hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a pair of pants, a sleigh, some candy and nuts. This will be all this time. I am a little boy eight years old. Your little friend,

EUGENE ADKINS,
Fullerton, Ky.

Dear Old Santa—I am a little girl 7 years old. I am trying to be a good girl. I go to school every day and in the second grade. Please bring me a big doll that goes to sleep, a doll buggy, a table, a set of china dishes, a little piano, not a big one like mamma's, a little one that I can play, a range stove, a cupboard with glass doors, a lamp

and a bed for my doll. And don't forget my sister Dorothy. She wants a big Teddy bear, a big chair for her Teddy, a locket, a china clock like mamma's, and bring us lots of candy, nuts and oranges, and please don't forget my two bigger sisters, and papa and mamma, and our little cousin, Floyd Osburn. Thanking you very much.

Your loving little friends,
NAOMI and DOROTHY COBURN.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a good boy and go to bed early every night. I want you to bring me a drum like the one you brought Clyde Turvey last year. Also whistle, steam engine, jumping jack, street car, railroad train, sled, steamboat, gun, boots, sock cap and a red sweater like Ralph Haquard's. Please put lots of candy and nuts in my stockings. Don't forget me, dear Santa Claus. Your little boy,

WHILE BRUMFIELD,
Fourth and Bond Streets.

Dear Santa Claus—Will you please bring me a doll with a nipple in its mouth. Please bring me a trunk, a coat and a bracelet. Bring my sister the same. Please send plenty of fruit, candy and nuts and two pairs of gloves.

P. S.—Don't forget Virginia Heading.

MARGARET AND ELIZABETH ACKLEY,



Dear Santa Claus: We are two good little brothers. Now, Santa, don't forget to come. We want a cannon, a money bank, a train on a track, a gun and checker board, a suit of clothes, and candy, nuts and a nice tree. Good-bye.

ARTHUR AND CHRISTY
P. JONES, 922 15th St.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy, 9 years old. I go to school every day and try to be good to everybody. Now Santa Claus, I know you like good children and you must not forget me. Now I will tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a pair of boots, a pair of Boy Scout gloves, a sled, a moving picture machine, an erector to build a big bridge, a raincoat and I guess that is all. Please don't forget the nuts and oranges and candies. Don't forget my little brother William. Good bye Santa Claus. From JOSEPH WINTERSOLE, 170 E. Rhodes Ave., N. Boston.

Dear Old Santa Claus: Please bring me a big doll, pair of hair ribbons, a pair of house slippers, a half dozen handkerchiefs, a book and fruits, nuts and candy. Your friend,

ETHEL PUCKETT.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, sewing box, doll buggy, a set of knives and forks, a table and some chairs, a set of dishes and some nuts and candy. From your friend,

BLANCHE ARTHUR.
P. S.—Please bring some handkerchiefs and a pair of ribbons.

Dear Santa Claus: I am nine years old and I would like a muff for myself, a nice comb and brush for my room, a pair of bed room slippers, a dress for my doll and don't forget my mother and father. From your friend,

ELIZABETH GOODMAN,
1815 Grandview Ave.

Dear Santa Claus: My brother Joe just wrote you a letter and told you what he wanted and now I want something too. I am four years old and I like bears and my papa calls me a bear. When you come up at New Boston just ask where Bear Wintersole lives and any one will tell you. I want an automobile, a horn, a jumping jack, some story books, a pair of boots, a pair of cow boy gloves and a sled. Now Santa don't forget to fix our tree pretty as we are both very good boys. If you are cold Santa, there will be a fire for you and if you have time you can get warm. Good bye Santa.

WILLIAM WINTERSOLE,
170 East Rhodes Ave.
New Boston, Ohio.

Dear Santa: I am going to write to you to let you know what I want for Christmas. I have been a good girl all year. Now Santa I want you to bring me a locket, muff, new dress and a pair of rubbers. This is all until next year. Good bye, from your little reader,

G. B. WHEELER,
P. S.—Please don't forget my brother William. He wants a type writer.

My Dear Old Santa—My mother says I must write you and mention I have been a real good boy since last Christmas. If you have these few little things to spare after giving to the other little boys please leave on my tree. Some more third rail track, and more cars, a transformer, a street car with a trolley, a raincoat and a hat. I promise to be a good little boy and close my eyes tight when you come down the chimney. Lovingly yours,

CARL CRADDOCK TUCKER,
1603 Offshore Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl, five years old. And I want you to bring me a Christmas tree, a doll that sits alone and can shut its eyes, some candy and oranges. I want to thank you for these things for I am sure you will bring them.

RUTH JANE CYFERS,
Buena Vista.

Dear Santa: Will you please bring me a little doll so I can dress it, a rain coat with a cap, a writing desk and my stockings filled. I would like to have a Xmas tree if you can spare it. I have a good many things to fix over too so you better come early or you can't do everything. With love,

JEAN CISSNA,
1529 Eleventh Street.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 9 years old and go to school every day. I want you to bring me a pair of gloves, a pair of ribbons, some handkerchiefs, a pair

of overshoes, a story book and candy, oranges, nuts, bananas. Your little girl,
MARY BUFANT,
2001 20th Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 8 years old and I am in the fourth grade of school. I will write and tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a kitchen cabinet, an iron stove, a big doll, a sled, an iron and ironing board, a black board and doll trunk, a dresser, a toy machine, a raincoat, a new pair of shoes, new dress, new pair of gloves, some candies, nuts, fruits and other good things. Please don't forget my little brother and don't forget mama and papa, and if my little dog harks give him a piece of candy and he won't bite. Good-bye from your loving friend,
KATHERINE GRAHAM,
1411 Norfolk Avenue.

Dear Santa Claus: I will write you a letter to let you know what I want for Xmas. I want you to bring me a big jointed doll, a doll buggy, a cap and scarf set, and some candy and oranges and nuts. This will be all this time. So good bye. From your friend,
NETTIE DOHERTY,
1118 Chillicothe Street.

Dear Santa Claus: Will write you a letter to let you know what I want for Xmas. A rubber doll, a high chair, a horse, a drum, a rattle, candy, oranges and nuts. This will be all for this time. So good bye. From your little friend,

GEORGE O'DOHERTY,
1118 Chillicothe St.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl three years old. I want to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a little set of dishes, a toy stove, a new doll, nuts, oranges, and candies. Don't forget little brother and bring him something too. Good bye. From MABEL MAXINE TENGLE,
Tonga, Ky.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 2 years old. I want a little red wagon, a horn, a Teddy Bear, an automobile, an engine, and some cans, nuts, oranges, candies, bananas and apples. Bring something for grandma and grandpa. Good bye. From JOEL WILLIAM TRAYLOR,
Tonga, P. O.

Dear Santa: We are little girls and live at 2552 Gallia street. We would like you to bring us a doll that cries and a big doll for Evelyn, a swing for my doll and oranges and please dress by Bessie up again this Xmas. We will go to bed early. With love,
DOROTHY AND EVELYN KRATZER.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy ten years old and in the fourth grade. I want a Model Builder, a sled a United States puzzle and a set of Bobbsey twin books and lots of oranges, nuts, candies, bananas, dates and figs. Please don't forget other boys and girls. Yours truly,
LOUIS MARTIN,
1219 Twelfth Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old. I want you to please bring me a wagon, a raincoat, a pair of gloves and some books. I live at 1219 McConnell avenue. I will leave the front door unlocked. Your little friend,
HOWARD SMITH.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 9 years old and help mama and go to school every day. I like my teacher and I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a doll, a doll buggy, cap and scarf, a set of doll dishes, a raincoat, a cap, a bracelet, a locket and pair of overshoes, a pair of ribbons, a blue satin dress. Don't forget to fill every one of my stockings and do not forget mama and brother and sister. Bring some handkerchiefs, a sled and some pencils and "The Five Little Peppers." That is all for this time.

Yours truly,
JESSIE KEGLEY.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl and go to school every day. I am ten years old. I want a muff and fur, a Teddy bear, a Christmas tree, a set of dishes, some doll clothes, and a ring. I guess that is all. Good-bye,

CECELIA SULLIVAN.

Dear Santa: I thought I would drop you a letter to let you know what I want for Xmas. I would like to have a doll and buggy, a set of dishes, a little tea pot, a story book, a new pair of rubbers. Don't forget, I want candies, nuts, oranges, bananas and any other little thing you

see fit for to bring me. Dear little sister Gladys wants the same as I do, so goodbye. We will be good and be asleep when you come.

GLADYS AND GARNET GIBBS,
1228 Front Street.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a train that runs on a track, a horse, a bicycle, a wagon, big as Don Metzner's, a cowboy suit and gun, a baseball suit, a foot-ball, a fiddle and a wheelbarrow. Bring Howard a Kupsie I want lots of candy, and oranges and nuts.

Goodbye, Santa.
Your little boy,
LOUIE SEMONES.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old and I have tried my best to be a good girl this year. Please bring me a doll, sewing basket, some books of fairy tales, a punch-bowl, a new dress, shoes and stockings, a topie and candy, nuts and oranges. Please don't forget to bring my baby brother a Kupsie.

Your little friend,
DARLINE SEMONES.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a great big doll with dark hair, a doll buggy, a pair of house slippers and some handkerchiefs and some candy, nuts and fruit. Goodbye.

MILDRED PUCKETT.

Dear Santa: I wish you would bring me a big doll, a pair of gloves, a pair of house slippers, a pair of ribbons and some candy, fruits and nuts.

From your little friend,
ETHEL PUCKETT.

Dear Santa: I would like for you to bring me a doll, a table, doll-cart, some chairs, dishes, a doll bed and some candy and nuts.

Your little girl,
BLANCHE ARTHUR.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a little suitcase to carry my doll's clothes in, a red doll-buggy, a pair of kid gloves, a hat for my doll, a watch and a little of every kind of candy, nuts and fruits. You have in your store, and a little table and chairs. Don't forget my little friend and my cousins. They live in Kentucky. Your little friend,
EVELYN NACHE.

Dear Santa: I thought I would write and let you know what I would like to have. I want a new dress, shoes, a hood, a scarf, a wheel, a pair of half-bearing skates, a writing desk and candy and nuts and fruits. Please dress my doll and Christmas tree. That is all.

JOSEPHINE WHITE,
1434 Waller Street.

Dear Santa: I would like to have a doll-baby and story-book, some games, new shoes, a scarf, candy, nuts, fruit and anything else you think I would like. Don't forget my tree.

Your little girl,
LUCILLE WHITE,
1434 Waller Street.

Dear Santa: I am a real good little boy. Please bring me a little wheel, a drum, a horn, a foot-box, some blocks, an overcoat, a little suit, a hat, shoes and candy and nuts.

Your little boy,
GEORGE WHITE,
1434 Waller Street.

Dear Santa: I am 6 years old and I have been a good boy ever since last Christmas. So please bring me a pair of gloves, a raincoat and hat, a wagon, some blocks, a wash-board and tub and some story-books and lots of goodies to eat. You will have to come in the front door at 630 Seventh street. HAROLD SMITH.

Dear Old Santa: I am a little girl 5 years old. I want a doll and a doll buggy, a Teddy, a set of dishes, a little table and a story-book. I want so many things but won't ask for anything more this time, as I have 4 more sisters who want you to bring them something.

ADA BURKE,
625 Seventh Street.

Dear Santa: As it will soon be time for you to come again. I must write and tell you what to bring me. Last year you brought all I asked for. I hope you will be as kind to me this year. Dear Santa, I want you to bring me a doll, a triangle, a set of furs, a nice story book, a white dresser for my doll, and a table and a set of dishes. Goodbye, Santa. Your little friend,
ROSALYND CLARK,
1235 Ninth Street.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl nine years old and would like an unbreakable doll, a muff and fur, a coat and lots of candy, nuts and oranges. Goodbye.

Your little friend,
MARGARET CUPPETT.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy eight years old. I have been a very good little boy ever since last Christmas, for I was very much

pleased with my things last year. I hope to be more pleased this year. Please, dear Santa, bring the following things: Roll-top writing desk, electric train, American builder, good story books, a watch and fob, and a boat. Your little boy,
ARNOLD RICE,
1820 Kinney Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 7 years old, and have been a good boy. Will you bring me a coaster break wagon, a sweater, a suit of clothes. I you have an extra cowboy suit you can bring it to me. Do not forget my brother. He wants a water wagon, a train that runs on a track, a sweater, French harp, a wagon, some candy, nuts and oranges and other fruits. Well, I think this is all. From CHARLES and PAUL HENSON.
Oh, yes, Santa, do not forget to come in the side door. Do not forget papa and mamma and sisters.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy four years old. I will write and tell what I want for Christmas. I want a wagon, a little drum and some candy and nuts and oranges. This is all for this time. My name is LAWRENCE BOND.

Dear Santa: I am a little girl 9 years old. I want a doll, a table, a set of dishes, a bed, a baby buggy, some nuts and some candy. That is all this time. From your little girl,
FLORA KINNEY,
20 Union Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 5 years old and I live at 1216 Twelfth street. I want a little wagon, little table full of stock, knife and fork, and spoon, and little stocking full of toys, and some blocks, and a little jitney automobile and Teddy Bear. Bring me some candy and nuts. I am a good little boy. Grandmother is sick. Bring her a flower.

WILLIAM E. RAHNER.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, set of dishes, doll buggy, doll bed, and my little sister a set of furs and myself a set of furs, sled, a pair of gloves, pair of ribbons, blackboard, desk, table and my mother a pair of gloves and a box of dominoes and my brother a sled and a toy dog, and bring my little sister, a rocking horse and some candy, nuts and oranges. From your friend,
ELIZABETH PROCTOR,
1920 Gallia.

Dear Santa: I am a little school girl 10 years old. I want a doll and a pair of ribbons, a new dress, a buggy for my doll. I will leave the door open. Don't be afraid to come in. This is all for this time.

CLARA BOND.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old and I want you to please bring me a nice big doll, buggy and nice buggy robe. I want a stove, table and dishes and a nice tablecloth, also a dresser with a bottle of perfume and a box of powder on it. I want a mesh bag, a cone of handkerchiefs and a bank. This is all for this time.

CHARLOTTE GILMORE.

Dear Old Santa: I have been a good little girl a whole year and I think you should visit me this Christmas. I want a big blue-eyed dollie, a baby buggy, a rubber ball, a tea set and lots of candy, nuts and fruits.

MARIE CARLEY,
Lucasville, O.

P. S.—Please, Santa, don't forget my little sister Sessie. She wants a rattl-box, a rubber dollie and a rubber ball. Lots of candy, nuts and fruit. Santa, you will find us on the corner of Front street, Lucasville, O.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I know you won't forget me this Christmas because you never do. But, Santa, I first want to write and tell you that I don't live where I use to. I live over across the railroad in Mrs. Dawson's residence. Dear Santa, I have been better this year than I have ever been, so I want you to bring me a jew-harp, a tin horn, a doll baby that will go to sleep, and a little set of dishes.

My little brother Milton wants a pop-gun, a tin whistle, a choo-choo train, and please, old Santa, bring him a doll baby, too, so he won't break mine. Come in at the front door, for if you take them into Dawson's part, Floyd Hill will claim them. Goodbye, old Santa.

Your little friend,
PHOEBE TAYLOR,
Lucasville, O.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy and I want lots of things for Christmas. I want a red sled and a rubber ball, a model builder, some candies and some nuts, too. My name is Talma Edwards and I live on Fifth street.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a cornet, a moving picture machine, sled, a wheel, a Model Builder, a set of ten pins, a box of paints, a rubber ball, shooting gallery, air gun and lots of good story books.

PAUL MARLOW,
815 Murray St.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a big nine years old. I go to school every day. I want you to bring

me a train, a Model Builder, a wagon, a pair of roller skates, a map, street car, a sack of marbles, a wheel, story book, dominoes, a horn, and big drum, candy, oranges and nuts. Your friend,
KLINE WALKER,
2114 Ninth Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a good little girl six years old and go to school every day. Please bring me a raincoat a doll that can say mamma and papa, a hair ribbon, a pair of rubbers, a train, a story-book and a tree. Please bring my old doll back and put new shoes on her, and some candy and everything you can bring. Please don't forget Helen and Carl Elterfield and Mabel Schillinger. They are good, too. So goodbye.

From your little friend,
THELMA SCHILLINGER,
622 Eighth street.

Dear Santa: As you have always brought me what I asked for, I will tell you what I want this year. I want an air-gun, a model builder, a horn and a sand-tipple. I also want a large Christmas tree with plenty of oranges, candy and nuts. If you are not too busy you may bring me some handkerchiefs and a box of colored chalk. I live at 1315 High street.

Your little friend,
RAYMOND JUSTICE.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a little automobile, some new waists, stockings, oranges and bananas and a horn. Won't you bring little Mary Louise something nice? She has never seen you yet. I want a little cash register, that is in Anderson's drug store window. Be sure and come. I live at 1329 Summit street.

Your little boy,
PAUL ROCKWELL.

Dear Santa: I want a dress, a big doll, buggy, new sled, bracelet, new coat, ring, a set of dishes, a pair of gloves, a pair of rubbers, a pair of shoes, ribbons, a pair of skates, box of checkers, story book and a book of "Five Little Peppers." a pair stockings, and two school pencils.

AGNES WEBB,
610 Campbell Avenue.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 10 years old. I go to school every day. I would like for you to bring me a doll, picture book, stove, a sewing box, ribbons, a sled, a bed dishes and candy.

RUTH CAMPBELL,
2106 Seventh St.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 8 years old, and would like to have some toys this Christmas. I want a valise, a doll, a bracelet and a ring and don't forget my little sisters and brothers, Ruth, Mary, Martha and Charles. Ruth wants some hair ribbons and a doll, Mary Martha wants a doll and buggy, and my brother Charles wants a Model Builder, a tie and some nice waists, and don't forget mamma and papa. I want a book of "The Five Little Peppers" and the book of Hans, and don't forget my cousins, Don, William and Gordon. I will leave the door open for you. Your little girl,

GARNET TAYLOR,
1829 Eighth St.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old. I would like for you to bring me a big doll, a story book, a set of dishes, a bed for my doll, a black board, candy, apples and some oranges.

AGNES GARRETT,
714 Kendall Ave.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl ten years old. I want a big doll, buggy, sled, muff, scarf, hat, Teddy Bear, blackboard, candy, nuts, ribbon, a hair barrette, a pair of rubbers pair of skates, and a set of new dishes. I have a little brother, and he wants a horn, harp, and a Model Builder. Your little friend,
LEOLA MACKAY,
1722 Sixth Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write you a letter as I read so many in the Times what the little boys and girls about like myself are wanting Santa to bring. I would like a nice story book, a pair of gloves, a ball, an air gun and four boxes of BB shot, a suit of clothes for a boy nine years old and lots of nuts and candy, oranges and bananas. Please don't forget my little sisters, Mildred and Bernice. They want dolls with curly hair. This will be all for this time. Good-bye

WAYNE BRITSON FIELDS.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to come and see me Christmas and bring me a doll and lots of candy, nuts and oranges.

Your little girl,
LULU SNYDER,
Sciotoville.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy six years old. I want a toy gun, a new suit of clothes and lots of candy, and nuts and oranges.

ARNOLD WEAVER,
Fullerton, Ky.

Dear Santa: I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I am a little girl four

years old. I want a big doll, a set of dishes, some nice hair ribbons, and lots of candy. Don't forget my little baby sister, Dana. Bring her a Teddy Bear.

MARY WEAVER,
Fullerton, Ky.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old. I would like to have some books, a red sweater, a coat, a cap, and scarf, a muff and fur, a raincoat, a doll, and a white luster silk dress. Don't forget my grandma. She wants something nice.

Santa, don't forget to bring me some candy, nuts and oranges.

Well I guess this will be all.

From your little friend,
LAURA LENA HEINISCH,
I live at 1910 Eleventh street, at my Grandpa and Grandma Luther's house.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 8 years old. I want you to bring me a train and track, a street car, a story book, a set of blocks, a pair of rubbers, a pair of glasses, a cap, a sweater, lots of nuts, oranges, apples, candy, acornuts and bananas. Don't forget my little brother Joseph. He wants a little red wagon and a little bell to ring and some candy.

From your little friend,
1225 Front street.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a nice big doll, a buggy, a set of dishes, lots of nice hair ribbons, a washing machine, a bracelet and lots of oranges, bananas, candy and nuts. Santa, I am six years old.

Your sweet little friend,
VIRGINIA LE MASTER,
1803 Jackson street.

P. S.—Please bring me a pair of mittens.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a nice big doll, a buggy, a set of dishes, lots of nice hair ribbons, a washing machine, a bracelet and lots of oranges, bananas, candy and nuts. Santa, I am six years old.

From your little friend,
VIRGINIA LE MASTER,
1803 Jackson street.

P. S.—Please bring me a pair of mittens.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a big doll baby and a nice buggy for it, a ring, a bracelet, a nice little set of dishes and some candy, nuts and all kinds of fruit. I will go to bed early and have the door unlocked. Goodbye.

Your little girl,
MYRTLE BAILEY.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a nice big doll dressed in pink, a buggy, a little table, a set of dishes, a stove, a doll bed and plenty of fruit. Santa, do not forget my little brother, Enory. You can come in at the side door. Your dear little friend,
SHIRLEY LE MASTER,
1803 Jackson street.

P. S.—I am nine years old.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 4 years old. For fear you may forget me I thought I had better get my letter in early. Please bring me a black board, choo-choo train, a doll, a sled, a little automobile, two picture books, a drum some candy, oranges, nuts and a nice Christmas tree. Please don't forget my mama, papa and litty. Your little friend,

HERMAN A. DOLL.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl six years old. I would like to have a nice big doll, a little writing desk, a phone, a set of dishes, a buggy, a little piano, a drum and hair ribbon, and some candy, nuts and oranges.

MILDRED OVERSTREET,
1828 Fifth Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl seven years old. I am writing to tell you what I want. I would like to have a doll, a washing machine, a writing desk, a pair of hair ribbons, a pair of shoes, a stove, a piano, a buggy, and some candies, some oranges and nuts.

VIRGINIA OVERSTREET,
1828 Fifth Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy three years old. I would like to have a boy doll, a typewriter, a phone, a wagon, a book and some candies and oranges and nuts.

HAROLD OVERSTREET,
1828 Fifth street.

Dear Santa: I thought I would write you and let you know what I want. I want a gun and tool box, candy, oranges and nuts. Your little friend,

EARL YINGER,
Long Run,
Portsmouth, O.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 8 years old. I want a two dollar Model Builder, a signet ring, a pair of new gloves, a new sweater, a new cap, a tooth brush, some games, some candy and some nuts and a little Christmas tree. That is all. I live at 1719 North Waller street. My name is JOHN PHILIP BAUER.

Dear Mr. Santa Claus: I would like for you to bring me a doll cart with dark hair, a doll cart, some handkerchiefs, a pair of house slippers and some candy, nuts and fruit. From your little friend,

MILDRED PUCKETT.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl four years old and I want you to bring me a doll and doll buggy, a set of dishes, a table, four chairs, a book, nuts, candy and fruits. Be sure and bring my little sister something. From your little friend,
GLADYS KIDWELL,
My address is 1536 Third Street.
P. S.—Be sure and come in at the front door.

Dear Santa: I am a little bit late in writing but I hope I am not too late. For Christmas I want a folding doll carriage. A little telephone, I do not want a hanging phone, I want the other kind, a box of handkerchiefs, a pencil box that has three pencils, one pen holder, an eraser, a story book, and some kind of a game for a little girl to play, some oranges, candy and nuts. Please do not forget me. I live on Third street, the number of my house being 1120. Good-bye.

VIOLET C. MANNING.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old and go to the kindergarten every day. I want you to bring me a piano, a white table, a set of dishes and a little white chair for my table. I want you to bring some candy, nuts and fruit of all kinds.

RUTH SHIVELY,
909 Eighth Street

Dear Santa: I am a little boy two years old. I would love to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a set of blocks, a boy doll, a horn and drum and a rocking chair. My little brother, Jack, is only 8 months old. He wants a jumping jack, a rubber doll and a rattle. Don't forget the nuts, candy and fruits. From your little friends,

WILBUR and JACK HALEY.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would let you know what I want because you might forget me. I want a pair of skates. That is all for this time. Your little girl,
EVELYN HALEY.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy ten years old. I want a big express wagon, a story book and a game of dominoes. Don't forget the nuts, candy and fruits.

Your loving friend,
NORMAN HALEY.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl

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grandpa. I am ever your little man,
GEO. SPECHER,
1324 Summit St.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl 4 years old and I want you to bring me a blue rain coat and hat. Please Santa bring my big doll Bill, a new suit and cap and also a nice rag doll and lots of other nice toys. I will leave the hall door open so you can come in. Be sure and come to my house, Santa. From your little girl,
THELMA BRISKEE,
New Boston.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 10 years old. I live at 1617 Highland avenue. I want you to bring me a sled, a pair of gloves, a cap too, and don't forget my little brother Theodore. He wants a sled, a cap and some candy. You can bring us everything else you wish. From your little friends,
OSCAR AND THEODORE CARVER.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl three years old and I want you to bring me a sled, a pair of shoes and stockings, Santa don't forget my little brother. He wants a rocking chair, a rubber ball, a pair of shoes and stockings, and lots and lots of hickory nuts, candy and oranges. Your little friend,
DOROTHY KELLER,
923 Front Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy four years old and I want to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a rubber tired velocipede, a drum and horn, an automobile, a U. S. mail wagon and lots of nuts, oranges and candy. Don't forget my brothers, Stewart and Homer. I am your forever,
HARRY JULY,
732 Third Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 12 years old and I would like to have a sled, a pair of shoes, a wagon, a Model Builder, and a pair of ice skates.
FRANK FRY,
1747 Seventh St.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy and go to school every day. I thought I would tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a Model Builder, ice skates, roller skates, gloves, dominoes, a pair of shoes, a gun and shot, a drum, rain coat and hat, and don't forget my mother and sister and Aunt Jennie.
CHARLIE WADDELL,
1638 Seventh St.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 9 years old and I want you to bring me a big doll, buggy, new pair of skates, a pair of gloves, set of dishes, new dresses, new sled, candy, nuts and oranges. Yours truly,
JEAN POSTER,
1915 Sixth St.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy eight years old. I want a Model Builder, a choo-choo train, on a track, a coaster sled, new sweater, a pair of gloves, box of chalk, blackboard, a lantern, raincoat, hat and boots.
WILLIAM HUSSEY,
2002 Gallia.

Dear Santa Claus—I want lots of candy and nuts, a pair new shoes, pair hair ribbons and clasp, a new story book, set of dishes, pair of mittens, doll, a map, and a ball. Do not forget my brothers and sisters. Yours truly,
DAISY COOPER,
2020 Sixth Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I want a doll, pony, blackboard, and some chalk, a table, and some dishes, pair of shoes. Please send the girl next door something. I also want a doll buggy. Bring my brother a drum and sled. Bring my sister a doll buggy, dishes and a table.
THERESA REINHARDT,
1831 Fifth St.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 8 years old and go to school every day. Would you please bring me a doll, a Bible, a little live dog, a painting book, a sled, a box of handkerchiefs, Indian suit, a cap, sweater, a book of "The Five Little Peppers", a pair of shoes, some ribbons, lots of candy and nuts. Your little friend,
MARGARET PUTSING,
2134 Ninth Street.

P. S.—Santa don't forget my little cousin, Miriam Pyles.
Dear Santa—I am a little boy nine years old. I would like some new things for Xmas. Please

bring me a new suit, overcoat, sled, a pair of gloves with a star on them. Your little friend,
EUGENE HANLEY,
1125 Kendall Avenue.

Dear Old Santa—I am a boy 8 years old and I want you to see me this Christmas. I want a flexible flyer and anything else you choose to bring me. Bring me lots of things.
Your little friend,
GEO. N. MOORE.

Dear Santa—Please bring me a doll buggy, china closet and some candy, nuts and don't forget to bring a big Christmas tree and a small house. I am a little girl 6 years old.
ALICE BRAWLEY,
815 Second Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a boy 9 years of age. Please bring me an Erector No. 5, and an electric engine, \$8.50, like that one down at Anderson's and nuts and oranges.
From your friend,
HOWARD NELSON MOORE,
2015 Baird avenue.

Dear Santa Claus—I thought I would tell you what I want for Xmas. Please bring me a big doll, some dresses for it, a bed, telephone, a set of dishes and don't forget my little brother, Donald. He wants a telephone and a cow boy and horse. Good bye,
THELMA CRAIN,
2204 Scioto Trail.

Dear Santa—As it is about Christmas time I thought I would write and let you know what I want. I want a bicycle and a drum, some candy, nuts and oranges. Don't forget my little sister, Eileen. As this will be her first Christmas.
PAUL YINGER,
Long Run.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 10 years old. I go to school every day and I thought I would like to write you a letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want a train that runs by electricity and some nuts, candy, oranges and bananas.
MARION STARKS,
1110 13th St.

Dear Santa—I want an electric train, a wind-up train, a toy pipe, a Santa Claus outfit, a horn, a bucket of red paint, blocks, a toy horse, a soldier suit, a toy gun, a desk, a picture of Jesus, a toy ax, and some overalls and that is all.
JIMMIE BANNON.

Dear Santa—I want a queen outfit, muff and purse, a picture of Sir Galahad, a little stove, a bubble pipe, a toy piano, a pearl necklace, some red, white, black, green and blue drawing paper, a kewpie doll one foot long and that is all.
PERSIS BANNON.

Dear Santa Claus—I thought I would drop you a few lines before Xmas because I thought maybe you might forget me. I am a little girl four years and I go to Sunday School every Sunday. My teacher's name is Edna Bowsher. I will tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like for you to bring me a nice big doll that goes to sleep, a little red chair, some breaker dishes, a little doll house, a little cradle for my doll, some blocks, a story book, a little water set, and by all means do not forget to bring Billie Hawk. You know you took him away to dress him for me. And don't forget my little sister, Ruth. She wants a doll and some dishes and other pretties too. Daddy will set up the Xmas tree for you and you can do the rest. Bring candy, oranges and nuts. Now don't forget your little friend,
NAOMI C. THROCKMORTON.

Dear Santa—It is only 3 days until Christmas. I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a big doll baby one that shuts and opens its eyes, a big piano and a little bed, a trunk to keep my doll clothes in. I have a little sister but she is little to play with tops. So bring her a new dress. Don't forget to bring me some candy, nuts and popcorn. I will soon be four years old. I am a good little girl.
ESTHER MAY FOSSITT,
1119 Tenth St.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 4 years old. Please bring me a horn, a wagon, a cocker horse, a hood, a violin and an erector. I will not ask for any more as you have so many other little friends to give presents to.
Your darling little friend,
NED L. MASTER,
1533 Jackson St.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a boy 11 years old. I want you to visit my house on Xmas. I will leave the back door open. I want you to bring me a foot ball, Model Builder, a sled, a game of ten pins, some story books, sword, pair of fur gloves and some candy and nuts. Dear Santa don't forget my little nephew, he wants a picture book, hobby horse, box of dominoes, checker board, Model Builder, drum, street cars, a train and some candy and nuts. Yours Truly,
BROOKS PRIETT,
410 Boundary St.

Dear Santa—I am eight years old. I will write and tell you what I want for this Xmas. Please bring me a gun, one that shoots a cork, an erector, a two dollar one if you have them

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 4 years old. My name is Beulah Lee Bush. I live at Scioto, Ky. I would like for you to bring me a big doll, a little stone, a little table, a set of dishes, a little sewing box, a hobby horse and a wagon and sleigh and some candy, oranges, bananas and nuts. Mama wants a pair of gloves. Aunt Cora wants a clock. We will put the dogs up so they won't bite you. I have some chickens for you if you trim my tree pretty. From your little friend,
BEULAH LEE BUSH.

Dear Santa—I am a girl eight years old. I go to school every day. I am in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a little doll, a handkerchief, a cocoon, a sewing box, a dresser, a stove, a kitchen cabinet, and lots of candy, nuts and oranges, and some story books. Good-bye.
From
ELIZABETH SHONKWILER,
P. S.—I have a little baby sister. She wants a rattle box.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl nine years old. I am in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a doll, a doll bed, a broom and some candy, peanuts and bananas. Good bye.
BERTILIA WELCH.

Dear Santa Claus: We are three sisters. Will you please bring us each a doll and a broom, one set of dishes, a stove and a bed for dollies and some ribbon and some new dresses, candies, nuts and oranges and bananas. We will go to bed early and let the door stay open.
KATHLEEN JONES,
922 Fifteenth Street.

Dear Santa Claus: We are two little sisters. I am five years old and sister is two years old. I want a reed doll buggy and a nice big dollie to put in it. Also a pair of overshoes, candy, nuts, and orange. Sister wants two horses with a seat in between them so she can sit with a dollie, and also clothes for it. Be sure to trim up our tree and we will go to bed early. Please don't forget the place. We will leave the door unlocked and you can get in. Don't forget the number. Good-bye. Your little girls,
MABEL AND RUTHIE LEE,
BLACK, 1608 Highland.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a horn, a Model Builder, sled and bicycle and bring mother a silk dress and daddy a blacksmith hammer, and do not get frightened if our dog barks, just give him about eight bones, as big as you are and come in. That is all this year. Your little friend,
JOHN DORROUGH,
2014 Eighth Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a girl 9 years old and I go to school every day. I would like for you to visit our house. I will leave the front door open. Do not forget me. I want a sewing box, a ring, a story book, a little box of handkerchiefs and do not forget my little sister, who is four years old. She wants a doll, ring, little iron and a little box of handkerchiefs. From your little friend,
GOLDIE HAMMOND,
2226 Seventh St.

Dear Santa Claus—I want a foot bus, steam engine, big story book, a Model Builder, a bucking mule and a whole lot of other things. Don't forget the candy, nuts and everything else sweet. Yours truly,
RALPH BERLING,
1621 Seventh Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy and I want a sled, a game, train with a round track, a picture machine, bicycle, a checkerboard, engine, and some oranges. Yours truly,
EMIL HOBBS,
1905 Jackson Street.

Dear Santa Claus—Bring me a loop-the-loop train, sword, Model Builder and my little brother a pair of shoes and a pair of stockings. You will come to my house next Xmas and bring my little sister a doll, baby and my mother a pair of shoes. Yours truly,
FORREST SHIPPS,
1201 Jackson Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a boy 11 years old. I want you to visit my house on Xmas. I will leave the back door open. I want you to bring me a foot ball, Model Builder, a sled, a game of ten pins, some story books, sword, pair of fur gloves and some candy and nuts. Dear Santa don't forget my little nephew, he wants a picture book, hobby horse, box of dominoes, checker board, Model Builder, drum, street cars, a train and some candy and nuts. Yours Truly,
BROOKS PRIETT,
410 Boundary St.

Dear Santa—I am eight years old. I will write and tell you what I want for this Xmas. Please bring me a gun, one that shoots a cork, an erector, a two dollar one if you have them

Bring my little sister Lucille, a big doll and one for every day, that won't break. She wants a set of dishes for her kitchen cabinet. Bring little Robert a ball and little wagon. Bring us anything else you may have. From your little boy,
EARL WAMSLEY,
2909 Gallia Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 7 years old and would like for you to bring me a rain coat and a big doll that can say mama, story book, a set of dishes, buggy, candy, nuts, oranges, bananas and do not forget my little brother. He was not here last Christmas and he wants a little rubber doll and rattle, a high chair and some moosekins. That will be all, good-bye. From
MILDRED LEE CARTER,
1920 Eighth Street.

Wheelerburg, O.
Dec. 18, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl four years old and I am going to have a tree and I want you to bring me a little table with table cloth, napkins and silverware to set the table with, white dishes with red and gold stripes, a white reed doll cart like in Horchow's store, a Billy Boy, washing machine, story books, a little white apron to tie around my waist like mamma wears and bring me little lady dog that lives next door a collar and a rubber ball. Please put everything around the tree, so good night Santa.
MAR FRANCES STEPHENSON.

Dear Santa—I am a boy seven years old. I go to school every day and for Christmas I want a gray suit, an Erector, Model Builder, some games, story books, fruit, candy and nuts. My sister wants a sweater and a box of stationery and games, oranges and nuts.
HOWARD DUSCHINSKI,
1933 Gallia Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy 7 years old. I want you to bring me a sled, a pair of boots to wear to school, a gun, a Teddy Bear, a story book, a set of building blocks, a horn, some candy and oranges, and nuts. Vernee. She wants a little doll with pink rompers on, a set of tin dishes, a little broom, story book, and a little doll buggy, and a coconut. From your little friend
ROY COX,
MUNSEY RUN PIKE.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl nine years old. I want you to bring me a nice sleeping doll and doll buggy, a little piano, a story book, some candy and nuts and oranges. Don't forget my little sister, Elizabeth. She wants a rattle box and a little doll and a new dress and anything else you can spare that would please a little sweet baby girl. From your little friend,
ELONICA COX,
Munn's Run Pike.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl five years old. I go to kindergarten every day. I wish you would please bring me a little sewing machine, a little umbrella, a doll trunk, a set of dishes, a set of furs, and a pocket book. If you have any time to spare, please fix my little doll that cries.
P. S.—Don't forget my little sister Alberta. She wants a doll and a doll buggy. Good bye.
RUTHANNE WARD,
421 Second St.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy three years old. I have been good all year and hope you will bring me what I want. I want a drum, a little umbrella, a horn, and anything else that you think will be nice for me. Your little friend,
ROBERT WARD,
421 Second St.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl ten years old and go to school every day. I would like to have some nice presents this Xmas. This is what I want. A doll and buggy, a new sewing box, a story book, a pair of skates, a sled, and a Teddy Bear. Good-bye. Yours truly,
KATHRYN SCAGGS.

Dear Old Santa—As this is the first time I have ever written to you, I wish you would please bring me a large doll, a rocking chair, some candy and nuts and anything you want to bring. Also sister Nellie and baby Ruth would like for you to bring them something nice. Oh, yes, Santa, be careful when you come over Morton Hill, as they are cutting it down. Your little friends,
MAE NELLIE AND RUTH TIMBERLAKE.

Dear Old Santa—As you were so good last Xmas, I am going to write you again and tell you what I want. I want a doll, a piano, some nice hair ribbons, candy and nuts. Be sure and bring plenty of good sweet, juicy oranges. Now dear Santa I don't think I have asked you for very much and I will be disappointed if you don't bring them. Be sure and come. I am six years old.

Don't forget my little sister Minnie and little brothers, Charles and William and my little Aunt Eliza. Good bye Santa. I am your little girl
BEATRICE LOUISE STONE.

Dear Santa—I will write you a few lines to let you know what I want for Xmas. Please bring me a nice raincoat and some nice hair ribbons, candy and nuts and oranges. So be sure and come. From your little girl
ELIZA IRENE EGERTON.

My Dear Sweet Old Santa—I am a little girl four years old. I want a set of dishes, a doll, candy and nuts and oranges. We are going to have a Xmas tree. You can put them on the tree. I will be a good little girl. Don't forget my Aunt Mary and my dear sweet papa. He is in Alabama. Now Santa be sure and find us we are at grandma's home. From your little darling
MINNIE PAULINE STONE.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a good little girl and am eight years old. I go to school every day and am in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a doll buggy for my big doll, a doll bed, a set of furs, a set of dishes, a little kitchen cabinet, a little dresser, and some story books. Also a box of handkerchiefs, oranges, apples, bananas, nuts and candy.
Do not forget my little nephew Howard. He wants a train, a wagon, blocks, candy and also a pair of house-slippers. This is all for this time. From your loving friend
GENEVA RUTH MASSA,
1633 Eleventh St.

P. S.—Dear Santa the door will be unlocked for you.
Dear Santa Claus—As it is near Christmas I will tell you what I would like to have. A searchlight, a new dress, a new pair of shoes, some oranges, nuts and some good candy. That is all for this time. Remember that I stay with my grandma. Your little friend,
FLORA IRENE RUSSELL,
Fullerton, Ky.

Dear Santa—I am a real good little boy. I want you to bring me a sled, a story book, a train of cars, an Indian suit, a horse and wagon and some oranges, bananas, nuts and candy.
JENNINGS WATTS.

Dear Santa—I thought I would write to you telling you what I want you to bring me. I am a little boy 4 years old. I know you will bring me something. I want a drum, a wheel, a box of toys and marbles. This is all Santa Claus. Please don't forget Lawrence Earl Melvin.
Your little friend,
MARY ELIZABETH MELVIN.

Dear Santa Claus—I have been a good little girl but thought you might forget me so I will tell you what I want for Christmas. A hammer, a set of summer furs, a set of blocks, a rag doll, some candy, nuts and oranges.
Your little girl,
IDA PATTON,
1666 Logan Street.

P. S. I will leave the front door open for you.
Dear Santa Claus—I thank you for the things brought last year. I am 7 years old this year, and I still live at 1126 Second St. I have tried to be good but it is hard to be good. Now please bring me an Erector builder, and lead German soldiers, and U. S. puzzle, and a torpedo boat that blows up a ship. And don't forget to bring my little brother, Frank Jr., anything nice for a little boy.
From your little friend,
JOHN SWIFALSKI.

Dear Santa Claus—How are you this year? I hope you are well and have a lot of toys for the good girls and boys. I have tried to be a good girl, but in many things I failed. I thank you for the things you brought me last year. For Christmas I want an infant doll, a speaker and some ballbearing skates, handkerchiefs and some candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget my little sister, Leah and Germaine. They both want a doll and buggy and bring them both alike for they always fight when they are not alike. Don't forget mamma and papa, bring them something nice too, because they ought to be remembered on Christmas, just the same as children. Well, I guess that will be all for this time. From your little friend,
MARY SWIFALSKI,
Second Street.

Dear Santa Claus—I am trying to tell you what my little sister, Ruth, and I would like to have for Xmas. Ruth wants an ironing board, an iron, a doll and nuts and candy and oranges. I would like to have a pair of house

shoes and stockings. Please don't forget my uncle, Frank, and my father. From your little girl and cousin, Clark and my dear friend, boy,
MILDRED L. WALKER and J. W. WALKER,
1304 High Street.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school on Bonser Run. I am in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a doll and some candy. Good-bye, From
MADEL WELCH,
Sciotoville, O.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy of six years and go to kindergarten every day. I want you to bring me a sled, a gun, a fire department. Don't forget my brother. He wants a model builder. Also don't forget my candy, nuts and oranges. Your friend,
HARRY PETERS,
715 Tenth Street.

Dear Old Santa Claus—I want you to bring me a doll, a cradle, a set of dishes, a new dress, a pair of shoes, a new cap, stockings and candy and oranges and lots of nuts. I am 6 years old and have been a good girl and so is my little brother Louie a good boy, and baby Howard. Please don't forget to bring him a kewpie.
Your little friend,
KATHARINE SEMONES.

My dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl 6 years old. I want you to come to my house. I want a doll, a set of dishes, a story book, a set of furniture, some hair ribbons and candy, oranges, nuts. I have three little sisters that want you to bring them something. Their names are Julia, 4; Wynne, 3; Nella, 1. So don't forget them. I will look for us all something nice.
MABLE RUSSELL,
Scioto, Ky.

Dear Santa—I am a little girl two years old. I want a doll and a buggy for my doll, and a little rocking chair. Your little girl,
GLADYS L. SIMONS,
1326 High Street.

Dear Santa—Papa and mamma have gotten us so many things that we will have to get you to decide what we can get. FRANCES LOUISE ADAMS,
1129 Second Street.

Dear Santa Claus—Please bring me a big doll and doll buggy, candy, nuts and oranges. Also bring me a new First Reader. From your little girl,
EMMA SILER,
Sciotoville.

Dear Santa—I am a little boy four years old and I would like for you to bring me a little train, a coconut, a handkerchief and some peanuts and candy. Good-bye, From
LINDSEY SHONKWILER,
Sciotoville.

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little girl. I don't want you to forget me this year. I have tried to be good all the time. Please bring me a big dressed doll and any other playthings you might have for little girls. Of course, I want plenty of candy, nuts and oranges.
TULSA MARIE BASSLER,
925 Seventh Street.

Returns Home.
Reuben Fisher, who for the past year has been following the vulcanizing business in Bristol, Tenn. has returned to Portsmouth to locate here again.

In Queen City
Isador Goodman of the United Woollen company, was in Cincinnati on a business errand Tuesday.

Automobile Deals
Dr. W. A. Ray, who purchased a Maxwell machine Tuesday of Stanley Priehard, has sold his Ford car to Rev. W. W. Crabtree.

DRINK HOT TEA FOR A BAD COLD
Get a small package of Hamburg Brew Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Tee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, pour a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teaspoon full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus driving a cold from the system.
Try it the next time you suffer from a cold or the grip. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore safe and harmless.

RUB BACKACHE AND LUMBAGO RIGHT OUT
Rub Pain and Stiffness away with a small bottle of old honest St. Jacobs Oil
When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a 25 cent bottle of old, honest St. Jacobs Oil at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right into the pain or ache, and by the time you count fifty, the soreness and lameness is gone.
Don't stay crippled! This soothing, penetrating oil needs to be used only once. It takes the ache and pain right out of your back and ends the misery. It is magical, yet absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.
Nothing else stops lumbago, sciatica and lame back misery so promptly!

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy four years old. I thought I would write you a few lines to tell you what I want. I am a good boy and am going to kindergarten. I want you to bring me a velocipede, a horn and drum, a teddy bear and don't forget my brothers Stewart and Homer. Good-bye, Santa.
HARRY JULY,
732 Third Street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 16 months old. I want a doll and a little toy dog and also

PORTSMOUTH HAS 34.86 MILES PAVED STREETS

Present Regime Has Added Largely To Sewers And Paving

The idea of the vast amount of work prepared and supervised by the present city engineering department during the past two years can be gained by a careful study of a summary prepared by City Engineer George J. Wilcox.

One interesting fact of the report is that Portsmouth now has over 34 miles of improved streets and only a little over 6 miles of unpaved streets out of a total mileage of 41.55. The report embraces only street and sewer work and is as follows:

Sewers built during the administration of 1914-1915:

Martin Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 340 feet long.

Brumfield Building Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 240 feet long.

Elizabeth Branch No. 1, between 5th and 6th Sts., 8 in., 335 feet long.

Richardson Sanitary Sewer, west of Prospect St., 8 in., 245 feet long.

Portsmouth Foundry Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 210 feet long.

McGowan Blackberry Alley Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 500 feet long.

Washing Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 475 feet long.

Island Alley Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 335 feet long.

Adams Bakery Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 268 feet long.

Carroll Carriage Factory Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 240 feet long.

Excelsior Branch No. 2, Sanitary Sewer, east of Murray, 8 in., 625 feet long.

Stockham Ice Factory Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 754 feet long.

Walnut Street Sanitary Sewer, west of Plum Street, 8 in., 385 feet long.

Dexter Ave., Combination Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 188 feet long.

Thompson Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 188 ft. long.

Dr. Daehler Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 935 feet long.

Minkethwait, Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 628 feet long.

Bauer Alley Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 723 feet long.

Heinrich Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 255 feet long.

Deffenburger Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 720 feet long.

Broviu Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 643 feet long.

Verz Sanitary Sewer, west of Lincoln Street, 8 in., 240 feet long.

Offshore Street Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 180 feet long.

German Evangelical church Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 317 feet long.

Sanitary Sewer in alley between Beach and Norfolk, 8 in., 300 feet long.

Thompson-Konrick Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 631 feet long.

Thompson-Konrick, Sanitary Sewer Extension, 8 in., 604 feet long.

Thumma Sanitary Sewer, John Street, 8 in., 120 feet long.

Thomas Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 630 feet long.

Adam Plan Alley Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 855 feet long.

Wrenner Alley Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 604 feet long.

Hals Alley Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 498 feet long.

Baird Alley Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 1111 feet long.

Morgan Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 111 feet long.

Storm Sewer in Tenth Street Paving, 8 in., 140 feet long.

Knittle Alley Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 338 feet long.

Lead Broadway Sanitary Sewer, between 6th and 7th, 8 in., 10 feet long.

Cropper Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 373 feet long.

Lives Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 240 feet long.

Lead on Boundary Street, first alley south of 8th St., 8 in., 33 feet long.

Lead between 7th and 8th Sts. on Lincoln to west, 8 in., 33 feet long.

Gordon Sanitary Sewer, 8 in., 300 feet long.

Munk Alley Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 10 in., 1000 feet long.

Chick Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 10 in., 475 feet long.

Drew Factory Relief Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 10 in., 372 feet long.

Lynn Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 10 in., 745 feet long.

Sunnyside Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 10 in., 2702 feet long.

Born Sanitary Sewer, 10 in., 880 feet long.

Kinney Sanitary Sewer, 10 in., 290 feet long.

Hutchins and Timmonds Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 12 in., 4122 feet long.

Franklin Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 12 in., 1089 feet long.

Lead between Storm and Sanitary Manholes, Union, 12 in., 20 feet long.

Excelsior Shoe Factory Sanitary Sewer, 15 in., 1140 feet long.

Knost Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 15 in., 573 feet long.

Armstrong Place Storm Sewer, 15 in., 150 feet long.

Calla Street Storm Sewer, 15 in., 3715 feet long.

Walnut Street Storm Sewer, 15 in., 357 feet long.

Walnut Street Buck-Snyder Storm Sewer, 15 in., 844 feet long.

Chesnut Street Storm Sewer, 15 in., 280 feet long.

Robert Road Storm Sewer, 15 in., 374 feet long.

Park Avenue Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 15 in., 231 feet long.

High Street Storm Sewer, 15 in., 130 feet long.

Robinson Avenue Storm Sewer, 15 in., 140 feet long.

Writen St., Storm Sewer, west of Kinney St., 15 in., 238 feet long.

Dexter Ave., Combination Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 18 in., 1864 feet long.

Sunnyside System Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 18 in., 250 feet long.

Galla Street Storm Sewer, 18 in., 386 feet long.

Brandyway Storm Sewer, 18 in., 311 ft. long.

New Sixth Street Storm Sewer, 18 in., 970 feet long.

Boundary Street Storm Sewer, 18 in., 160 feet long.

Campbell Avenue Storm Sewer, 18 in., 424 feet long.

Drainage of Bannan and Daehler land to Sunrise Ave., 18 in., 18 feet long.

Storm and Sanitary Sewer along the R. & O. S.-W. R. R., 24 in., 387 feet long.

Sunnyside System Storm and Sanitary Sewer, 24 in., 1300 feet long.

Galla Street Storm Sewer, 24 in., 1901 feet long.

South Ward Outfall Storm and Sanitary Sewer, Concrete, 4x5 in., 497 feet long.

Cecil Miller Storm Sewer, three ring brick, 8 in., 477 feet long.

Mahert Road Storm Sewer, Double Ring Brick, 3 in., 331 feet long.

Mahert Road Culvert, Box Brick, 36 in., 86 feet long.

Extension of Twelfth Street Double Ring Brick, 4 in., 70 feet long.

Total, 41,770 feet or 8.48 miles.

Streets paved during the administration of 1914-1915. The slogan—"One a Month."

Madison street, Front to Third Street, 600 feet long.

Third street, Madison to Jefferson street, 608 feet long.

Fifth street, Jefferson to Market St., 515 feet long.

Fifteenth street, Chillicothe to Union street, 1803 feet long.

Tenth street, Lincoln to Hutchins St., 1253 feet long.

Tenth street, Lincoln, west of Offshore, 1073 feet long.

Robinson Avenue, Fourteenth to Union street, 400 feet long.

Kilney Lane, Chillicothe to Twenty-first street, 3100 feet long.

Twenty-first street, Kinney Lane to Timmonds Avenue, 427 feet long.

Lincoln street, Fifth to Eighth Street, 588 feet long.

Boundary street, Eighth to Lawson Run, 1300 feet long.

Boundary street, Seventh to Lawson Run, 775 feet long.

New Fifth street, Boundary to Broadway street, 168 feet long.

New Sixth street, Campbell Ave. to Lawson Run, 1500 feet long.

Campbell Avenue, Fifth to Jackson St., 562 feet long.

High street, Seventeenth to Eighteenth street, 280 feet long.

Galla street, Young street to East Corporation L., 602 feet long.

Walnut street, Norfolk to Buck street, 2015 feet long.

Norfolk street, Galla street to D. & O. S.-W. R. R., 270 feet long.

Mahert Road, Galla street to north corporation line, 100 feet long.

Park Avenue, Robinson Avenue to

Grant street, 635 feet long.

Harvard Place, Galla street to Patterson Alley, 346 feet long.

On Chillicothe Road, Grant to Seventeenth street, 775 feet long.

Gay street, Eleventh to Thirteenth street, 551 feet long.

Total 27,698 feet or 5.25 miles.

Paved street, Jan. 1, 1916, 34.86 miles.

Unpaved street, Jan. 1, 1916, 6.69 miles.

Total, 41.55 miles.

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INVENTORS FLOOD THE WAR OFFICE

Washington, Dec. 22.—Inventors have been flooding the war department with suggestions since the outbreak of the European wars, the board of ordnance and fortifications having reviewed an average of 300 proposals, according to its report made public today.

The board is at work, the report shows, on schemes to prevent erosion of guns, development of new equipment for field artillery, shore control systems, submarine mines, and torpedo range finders, search-lights photographic apparatus and many other devices for the army. It has asked for \$200,000 to continue its work.

PLANT CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS

During the rush and excitement perhaps you have forgotten to send in your laundry this week. If this has been the case, use Phone 176, and providing your laundry is collected early Thursday morning it will be returned Friday.

THE AMERICAN STEAM LAUNDRY CO.

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Serbian Treasury In France

Marseilles, France, Dec. 22.—Eighteen million francs, constituting the Serbian treasury, have arrived here on the way to Paris. The money will be deposited in the Franco-Serbian bank at the capital.

Christmas Brew for Christmas Dinner. Better than Imported.

\$1.00 per dozen. The Portsmouth Brewing & Ice Co. Phone 94. 18-5

BANK CLOSES DOORS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22.—The Pittsburgh Bank for Savings failed to open for business today. A notice said that it had been closed by order of the Pennsylvania banking department, and G. H. Getty, bank examiner, has been appointed temporary receiver.

No statement was issued on the closing notice but it was known in the financial district that the bank had been unable to weather the storms it has encountered since the failure of James S. Kuhn and W. S. Kuhn, who were prominently identified with the bank in 1914.

In Tennessee

Attorney B. F. Kimble left Tuesday for Greenville, Tenn., where he is interested in a law suit to be tried there Wednesday.

Resinol

makes itching eczema vanish

There is immediate relief for skin itching, burning and disfigured by eczema, ringworm, or similar tormenting skin disease, in a warm bath with Resinol Soap, and a simple application of Resinol Ointment. The soothing, healing Resinol balsam sinks right into the skin, soothing itching, and soon clear away all trace of eruption, even in severe and stubborn cases.

Resinol Ointment and Resinol Soap are sold by all druggists. Prescribed by doctors for 20 years.

A Jewelry Store That Commands Attention!

Although our store has been established less than two months, every customer has brought us new ones, and people generally have come to regard our store as

Portsmouth's Xmas Jewelry Store!

That is not strange, for from the very beginning we saw to it that our stock was especially selected with reference to suitable gifts. That our policy was correct is shown by the steady stream of people who are coming here daily to buy, and who leave our store fully satisfied they have done better by patronizing us. We invite the most critical inspection and comparison, and will leave the question of buying right with you, for we know your judgment will finally determine the question.

The fact that our store is practically new, means that our stock must of necessity be the very latest, and the fact that we purchased in unlimited quantity, enabled us to secure rock bottom prices, and that means you will be the saver.

<p>JUST RECEIVED</p> <p>Magnificent display of CAMEO RINGS, STICK PINS and BROOCHES. The finest assortment ever displayed in this city. Bought right and will be sold right. Cameos make the finest kind of a gift, and one that will be highly appreciated.</p>	<p>WATCHES</p>  <p>No pattern but we have, no model but we have, no make but we have. Ladies' Bracelet Watches make an ideal Christmas gift. We have them in unlimited patterns from \$2.50 up</p> <p>Gentlemen's Watches in plain or engraved cases, \$1 to \$100</p>	<p>SILVER KNIVES AND FORKS</p>  <p>In solid silver, and the best of silver plated. We specialize on these and have some very attractive bargains.</p>	<p>LAVALLIERES</p>  <p>We lead 'em all in Lavalieres and you will say the same when you inspect our offerings. Some with diamonds, others with cameo settings from \$1 to \$25</p>
<p>DIAMONDS</p>  <p>Some beauties as low as \$5.00; others up to \$500.00. Don't forget that we sell all diamonds under a rigid guarantee—we stand</p>	<p>CIGARETTE CASES</p> <p>In solid silver or sterling silver—a very appropriate gift—engraving free.</p>	<p>SET AND SIGNET RINGS</p>  <p>A wonderful selection and at most modest prices. We can save you money on your ring purchases.</p>	<p>DIAMOND STICK PINS</p>  <p>Come in and see our line and compare our prices. We know we can give you better values and then there is some satisfaction in knowing you have the latest patterns.</p>
<p>CUFF BUTTONS</p> <p>A most complete line—all the new shapes and patterns. We offer a solid gold pair of cuff buttons as low as \$1.00 and they will cost you twice that amount elsewhere.</p>	<p>MEN'S POCKET KNIVES</p> <p>The very latest patterns in gold filled or solid gold handles—purest of steel—a very fine gift.</p>	<p>MEN'S LEATHER BELTS</p> <p>We have received a late shipment of men's leather belts, with sterling silver buckles. Don't overlook these when thinking of what to give him.</p>	

We wish you a most Merry Christmas—and it will be all the merrier if you are happy enough to receive a gift from our well selected stock.

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THE EXHIBIT TONIGHT

"THE BELL HOP"

A screaming Essanay feature comedy

"THE MAN WITH THE IRON HEART"

Three reel Selig feature drama

At Arcana Theatre Tonight

19th episode of "THE BROKEN COIN"

"A LIFE AT STAKE", Victor Western drama

"TEARS AND SUNSHINE", L-Ko comedy

At Majestic Theatre Tonight

"SUNSHINE AND TEMPEST", Rialto drama

"The Corsican Brothers Up-To-Date", Novelty comedy

"THE VICTIM", Thursday, three reel feature

TRAIN VICTIM SUCCUMBS

Injuries suffered five weeks ago when he was run down by a C. & O. train, ended in the death of Edward Davidson, well known resident of Greenup, Ky. He passed away at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning. It will be recalled that he was run down by a train near the Greenup crossing and he was injured internally and his collar bone was broken.

Mr. Davidson was unmarried and about 65 years old. He leaves one brother, Henry, and one sister, Miss Anna Davidson, principal of the Greenup High School.

He was a splendid citizen and in his death Greenup loses one of its most highly honored citizens.

Ironton Has 27 Saloons

According to the Ironton Ironton that city has 27 saloons and the amount of taxes paid for each half of the year is \$13,500.

A Recipe.

"Here is a recipe for gray hair."

"Gosh! Who wants gray hair?"

Louisville Courier-Journal

High School News Is A Breezy Paper

The High School News came off the press Wednesday, the new weekly bi-monthly being full of notes of high school activities. Every department is good.

The Miss Prudence Brilliant column makes quite a bit with the students.

The sporting section contains up to the minute facts on the high school basketball ball five. A review of the 1915 foot ball season and players is interesting. A picture of the 1909 foot ball team on which H. A. Marting, Evan Williams, Maurice Briggs and Orville Roberts played, adds greatly to the sporting section.

The literary department carries a splendid original story written by Howard Klink, on the subject: "The Convict's Christmas Eve". The editorials are up to the high standard set by the editor-in-chief, Lorin Cunningham. The local and alumni department are brimful of news. The paper this time contains 10 pages instead of eight, and is being distributed one day early.

Massage Machine

John J. Jackson & Son have purchased a latest improved electric massage machine for their Turley building barber shop. It will be installed Friday and will add materially to the service of this up-to-date tonsorial parlor.

Gun Victim Is Better

Tom Stockald, foreigner employed as laborer in the W. H. H. Allen Construction company's camp at Wheeler's Mills, who received two serious bullet wounds Sunday night, is getting along nicely at Hempstead hospital. Sheriff Smith and other authorities have been unable to find any trace of the gun user.

D. F. Creekbaum

Piano Parkers at 1021 Fourth St.

THE NOON EXTRA

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1,000 VILLA TROOPS REACH JUAREZ CLAIM THE RUSSIANS HAVE CAPTURED VARNA

CLAIM TOWN WILL NOT BE SURRENDERED TO CARRANZA MEN

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.—The El Paso police department early today received a report that 1,000 Villa troops had just arrived in Juarez from the south and that five thousand more were within a short distance of the town. The name of the commander was not mentioned, but it was said General Villa is not in the party. The arrival of the troops revived the report that the arrangement to surrender has fallen through and that the town would not be turned over to the Carranza government.

Villa soldiers in Juarez, who, clamoring for their wages, broke from military control yesterday and enacted scenes of disorder which resulted in the killing of the American side of an American trainman and several Mexicans in Juarez, early today were still unpaid. The money, however, is on deposit in El Paso, awaiting the appointment by Mexican authorities of an authorized paymaster.

Strong representations have been made to Mexican Consul Andres C. Garcia, by General J. J. Pershing, commanding the eighth brigade at Fort Bliss, regarding the death of the American, Geo. A. Diepert.

According to his investigation General Pershing said, Diepert was deliberately fired upon by Mexican snipers as he passed along the border on a moving train. Shooting across the border would not be tolerated, he told the consul. A heavy guard of American troops is on duty on the border.

General Villa, whose whereabouts during the last few days has been a mystery, last night was reported from Ranchea, 70 miles south of Juarez, approaching the border.

Representatives here of the Pearson Syndicate have been advised that Roy Hoard, manager of their Mexican, Chihuahua properties, and 29 American employees, held prisoner by Villa for two weeks, have been liberated and are enroute to the United States.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 22.—Nothing further of the reported troop movement against Juarez had been received here early this morning. Considerable anxiety prevailed in the border town but there were no reports of disorder.

MORE TROOPS FOR SOLONIKI

Berlin, Dec. 22.—(Wireless to Sayville)—The Cologne Gazette reports that British troops which have been stationed on islands in the eastern Mediterranean have been withdrawn to be sent to Saloniki.

Constantinople, Dec. 22.—(Via London)—The Turkish war office has given out the following statement: "There was local fighting on the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) at Kut-el-amara. A hostile attack against the

U. S. Navy Should Be Equal To Most Powerful In World Says Naval Board

New York, Dec. 22.—Problems affecting the United States navy are under consideration by members of the naval advisory board, who are here today for their second general meeting. Sessions of the board will continue tomorrow. After the preliminaries of the last three months the board is now ready to consider formally the important questions referred to it.

In the course of its meetings the board will visit the New York navy yard, where a division of the Atlantic fleet is assembled. The naval advisors will have an opportunity to inspect the new battleship California, and her system of electric propulsion as well as the turbine engines now being installed in the Arizona.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The American navy should be "equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world," not later than 1925 in the opinion of the Navy General Board headed by Admiral Dewey. The annual report of the board, made public today, discloses that this naval policy was formulated by the body in July last in answer to the following proposition propounded by Secretary Daniels when the administration reached its decision to enter upon a campaign of national preparedness:

"What the Navy must be in the future in order to stand upon an equality with the most efficient and most practically serviceable." The board's conclusions follow: "The Navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world. It should be gradually increased to point by such a rate of development year by year, as may be per country, but the limit above defined should be attained not later than 1925."

At the same time the board presented a building program for 1917 in compliance with the secretary's request for "a program formulated in the most definite terms, planned for a consistent and progressive development of

this great defensive arm of the nation." Details of the board's reply are not revealed, as subsequently in October of this year, the secretary asked the board to prepare "a building program for the navy that will continue over a period of five years with an expenditure of about \$100,000,000 each year for five years on new construction only." The administration plan for the construction of sixteen capital ships within five years is founded on the board's answer.

The report lays stress upon the board's proposal that seven of the sixteen new ships, four super-dreadnaughts and three battle cruisers, be authorized in 1916. Secretary Daniels has recommended to congress, however, that only two dreadnaughts and two battle cruisers be authorized at this time. Under the board's plan the total expenditure for the five years including \$7,000,000 for the aviation service and \$11,000,000 for reserve ammunition and material would be \$499,876,000, the last appropriation for which would be made in 1922; the secretary's recommendations call for a total expenditure of \$502,482,214, the last appropriations shown being for 1921, and increases being made over the board's estimates for submarines and reserve ammunition. The board program contemplates the building of thirteen fleet auxiliaries while the secretary recommends only six.

The board highly commends the proposal to establish a continuing building policy for the navy, saying it will stabilize the warship building industry in the country and tend to reduce contract prices for new ships.

The board reviews the course of the European war so far as it involved naval actions, to reach this conclusion: "As to types of ships, the battleship is still the principal reliance of navies, as it has been in the past." The report discusses at length the need and mission of battle cruisers and other fast ships for scouting work but warns against

MUCH INTEREST IN COLONEL HOUSE'S PROPOSED TRIP TO BELLIGERENT COUNTRIES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—An announcement by Colonel E. M. House, of New York, President Wilson's close personal friend and adviser, that he soon would go to Europe at the request of the President and secretary of state caused great interest in official and diplomatic circles here today. Secretary Lansing confirmed the announcement, but declined to add anything to it. Colonel House's statement declared that the sole object of his mission would be to take to the American ambassadors at the capitals of the warring nations certain information regarding the Washington government's attitude on international questions. It was denied that he would go on a peace mission. Officials today declined to discuss Colonel House's mission, owing to its delicate nature, nor would they make any response to question as to whether he would make informal inquiries regarding prospects of peace.

The trip will be the second by Colonel House since last spring when he visited Germany, France and England and talked with high government officials. At the time of the first trip it was reported that Colonel House acted as the personal emissary of President Wilson and that he went on a peace mission. This Colonel House denied, although later he reported to the President on his observations of the state of public opinion abroad. While what he told the president never became known, it was learned that his picture of the situation did not change the president's belief that the time then was inopportune for initiating a peace movement.

CONSCRIPTION CAUSES CLASH IN COMMONS

London, Dec. 22.—Premier Asquith made his long expected statement on the Allied military position in the House of Commons today in connection with the introduction of a "supplementary estimate" providing for the raising of the numerical strength of the British army from three million men to four million men. The prime minister, as usual, got to the heart of his subject in his opening sentences and declared that although the British fighting forces in the various theatres now amount to more than 1,250,000 men, the war's demands were such as necessitated calling out the empire's "recruitable maximum." Although the premier did not put himself on record as either for or against conscription, John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists, at the close of Mr. Asquith's speech, flung a bomb shell by declaring that the Nationalists would oppose conscription by every means in their power. And John Dillon followed with a severe arraignment of the British war leadership inquiring, "What is the use of sending out more troops to be led by men like those responsible for the Salva Bay and Anzac failures?"

an exaggerated value being placed upon the battle cruisers. It then takes up the question of personnel and finds that any smaller force than 2700 officers, 67,000 blue-jackets and 13,400 marines would be inadequate for the navy in 1917 even on a peace footing. The ships then in commission and the shore stations would need a minimum of 74,700 blue-jackets, it states, in time of war.

Turning to the question of congested lower grades which confront navy officers under the present system, the board urges that congress establish the number of officers in any grade on the basis of the total number of officers in the navy and not by providing for a fixed number in each grade except the lower ones. Additional legislation should be sought, it says, to secure a proper flow of promotion for all officers of the efficiency of the service generally will suffer.

Say Bulgarian Chief Black Sea Port Is In Ruins

London, Dec. 22.—The Daily Chronicle reports the capture of Varna, Bulgaria's chief Black Sea port, by the Russians. It says the bombardment of the Russians silenced the Bulgarian guns and laid the town in ruins. The garrison suffered heavily.

The Russians, then, according to the report, landed infantry and artillery without loss and in sufficient force to hold the town against Bulgarian attacks.

Blind People Get The Reliable War News

New York, Dec. 22.—Miss Helen Keller and other blind persons in the United States are obtaining news from the capitals of belligerent nations in Europe in newspapers published for the blind in London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna, according to Miss Keller. These newspapers are not censored, she says, because they are printed in shorthand braille, a point type used for the blind which the censors are unable to read.

"These newspapers give account of condition in the warring country, tell me true sentiment among the working people and the intolerable conditions that surround them," said Miss Keller. "Their hearts are almost at the breaking point."

Miss Keller made this explanation to show how she obtained information concerning the war disclosed in a speech she made recently on "Preparedness."

DEMANDS PROBE OF 'SUFFRAGE LOBBY'

Washington, Dec. 22.—Inventors have been flooding the war department with suggestions since the outbreak of the European wars, the board of ordnance and fortifications having reviewed an average of 300 proposals, according to its report made public today. The board is at work, the report shows, on schemes to prevent erosion of guns, development of new equipment for field artillery, shore control systems, submarine mines, and explosives, range finders, searchlights, photographic apparatus and many other devices for the army. It has asked for \$200,000 to continue its work.

Congressman James F. Byrnes of South Carolina has aroused the interest of congress and the ire of suffragists by demanding that a congressional investigation be made of the "suffrage lobby" he says is at work in behalf of the Susan B. Anthony amendment. Mr. Byrnes would like to know what is being done with \$40,000 recently raised by the women. Furthermore he complains to congress that the visits of the women to the capitol to ask support for the amendment have made the corridors of the capitol appear "like the shopping district during a millinery opening."

Ohio—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday except probably rain or snow near Lake Erie. Somewhat warmer tonight.

OWNERS' CIRCULAR. "My brethren," said Dean Swift in a sermon, "there are three sorts of pride—of riches, of birth and of talents. I shall not now speak of the latter, none of you being liable to that abominable vice."

GERMAN OFFICIAL BIDS FAREWELL TO THE UNITED STATES

New York, Dec. 22.—Germans prominent in commercial and official circles made farewell today to Captain Franz Von Papen, formerly military attache of the German embassy at Washington, who was recalled by the German emperor at the request of Secretary of State Lansing on account of what the United States government considered improper activities in military matters.

Captain Von Papen has a ticket for the steamer Noordam which sails today for Rotterdam by the way of Falmouth, England.

Serbian Treasury In France

Marseilles, France, Dec. 22.—Eighteen million francs, constituting the Serbian treasury, have arrived here on the way to Paris. The money will be deposited in the Franco-Serbian bank at the capitol.

Read some interesting High Water Facts on Page 4.

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MEDICAL FRAUD EXPOSED

At a Columbus medical society meeting Monday evening a prominent physician scolded some of his brethren for alleged impositions upon the public. He referred to use of a medicine widely known as "Twilight Sleep" said to relieve the pains of motherhood, and declared that the "Twilight Sleep" as administered by Columbus physicians was "an arch fake." He said that there was not a physician in Columbus administering "Twilight Sleep" as described in the Freiburg clinic. The doctor said the large number of Columbus women who have taken so-called twilight sleep from local physicians have been housed; injections of plain water having been substituted in some cases for morphine, according to a report in the Ohio State Journal.

"A hospital room, especially lighted, heated and provided with extensive equipment, with nurses in constant attendance upon the patient, are required to administer properly twilight sleep," asserted the doctor. "No Columbus hospital is so equipped," he added.

It will no doubt be highly interesting to patients who have been under the impression that they were receiving one of the latest medical treatments to learn that they had plain water injected into them instead, and of course it will tend to largely increase the confidence of the people at large in Columbus physicians. But we wonder, in the language of the street, how these guilty doctors can get away with it. In any other profession the statute against fraud looms up large and bold, and those who transgress must pay the penalty. Why are these physicians exempt? Why, for instance, does not the Ohio State Medical board, which has such tremendous love for the ethics of the profession, why does it not take some action in this matter? Is a doctor, who fraudulently deceives his patient, fit to have a diploma to practice?

But the whole thing comes back to something we have long intended to say, and that is, in a vast majority of cases those afflicted can get better and more conscientious treatment from their home physicians than they would receive from so-called specialists in large cities. There are a few great specialists in the land and in many cases they should be consulted. But for every real expert there are a dozen or more whose chief claim to distinction is the word "specialist" they have had printed upon their stationery or their office door. These charlatans of the profession are "specialists" because they know there is more money in it for them.

So trust your home physicians, the men you know and in whom you have confidence. If your disease is beyond their skill they will know of some one who stands pre-eminent in that particular line and they will assist you in getting into communication with him.

CHAPERONES ON RAILROADS

(Charleston Gazette.)

Announcement made by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad that it had appointed women chaperones to look after the company's lines, leaves but one impression.

Our own experience with the coy, young things that look like the cover pages of magazines, as if they had dropped from the picture frames or are reminiscent of the ideal of some beautiful dream of ours, is that they are able to take care of themselves. We have yet to find one that is not able to rout rude men by a slung of the shoulders or a look, so frigid that delicate men are turned into congealed water.

As to those who are not young and beautiful we entertain the idea that they will not be molested, and if they are they also will be able to care for themselves, for, did not Kipling say "the female of the species is more deadly than the male."

The railroad company, however, probably has made no arrangements for the chaperones. One can never forget that there are torpedo boat destroyers, and torpedo boat destroyers destroyers. Some day the road will probably have chaperones for chaperones and a railroad journey will be one long walk through an art gallery, the nude objects of our admiration serving as an optical feast. The next step then will be for the railroad company to sell catalogues to identify the portraits.

Judging from the description of scenes at Catlettsburg, Ky., Saturday and Sunday night, one would judge that while West Virginia has gone dry, a good many of her citizens insist upon remaining wet. And they seem so determined about it that they journeyed by the hundreds on special trains to the nearest booze center to buy in supplies. However, if West Virginia stays dry for a few years there may be a different tale to tell.

Of course, Out of the baseball peace comes the usual winter league dope that the Cincinnati Reds will have a winning team next year. Which interpreted means that all the promising young players on the Cincinnati roster will be sold or traded for the "old head has been" who have given their best years to real pennant winners.

If you want to buy a railroad real cheap and ride around in a private car, now's your chance. Nobody seems to want the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad which has been offered for sale three times without a solitary bid being made. We presume it is not much of a railroad but still it is there if you want to own one.

Henry Clews says that "it is recognized that general trade conditions are good; that the railroad situation is much more satisfactory; that current earnings are large; that the steel trade is enjoying great prosperity; and that general business shows increasing activity." So let's everybody have a merry Christmas.



A TRAGEDY IN WISCONSIN

(Gallipolis Tribune.)

There's a tragedy brewing in Wisconsin. The Bancroft Independent is "rattling in its throat," and the editor sends forth a ravelling appeal for fuel, or nourishment, or whatever you want to call it. He says:

Dying slowly departing in a town of plenty. Who! The Independent, unless some financial dope is administered, it will breathe its last with this issue being compelled to give up the ghost and pass in its checks, and sweep into the dark depths of the forevermore, and soon be forgotten same as all other earthly things. And, supplications or prayers can save it. There is only one remedy that will restore it to life, health and prosperity, that would be a big dose of adds given with a few subscribers once each week, simple remedy. The doctors might help to prolong its life by adding an add to its column, instead of watching the pale horse of death, and its rider go galloping by."

Wouldn't that blister your conscience if you lived in Bancroft and were guilty of withholding support from this needy journal?

Charleston, W. Va. is having a fight over the proposition of whether or not the city should build and operate its own water plant. At present the city is supplied by a company, the stock of which is owned outside the city, and it is charged that the city is being forced to pay exorbitant prices for its water. Where rightly managed there is no question but that a city should own its own water supply. It will mean in most cases better service and cheaper water than if a private corporation owned the supply.

Events in Mexico are justifying the stand taken by this government and it now looks as though peace is not far distant in the war torn republic to the south. It is better this way than if we had sacrificed thousands of lives by sending an army into Mexico to smash the factions.

One of the minor troubles about eliminating Villa seems to be that everybody is willing except Villa. Which reminds one of the story of the boy whose mother told him that she was going to marry Parson Brown. "Bully for you, Ma, does Mr. Brown know it?" said the lad.

Do not forget that idea about illuminating your house on Christmas Eve. Burn at least one candle in one of the windows of your home and help to spread the sentiment of the Christmas time. You can easily find a safe way to burn your candles and if you find it necessary to leave the house blow out your candles. Do not take chances of fire by leaving lighted candles when you leave the house.

Next to being in the trenches, we suppose that Mr. Kaps will agree that the next worst thing imaginable is being the dispenser of patronage where there are a few offices and many aspirants.

It only takes a wee touch of the good old summer line to make those winter days glorious. Witness Tuesday for example.

For a man who fought as openly and as valiantly as did Col. E. A. Crawford, of Adams, for our good young governor, it does seem to us that the reward is a long time coming. Here another plan has gone glimmering and Crawford did not even get a look at it. Is it possible that Crawford is going to have to wait until the hereafter for his reward?

The Christmas spirit is not absolutely all-pervasive and the neighbor women express the fear that Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, while she may be good-looking enough now, is of the type that gets very stout as it grows older.—Ohio State Journal.

"Well, how did your ticket come out in the primaries?" "Crooked politics beat us," said the Punkville candidate. "We were fixing to offer \$2 for votes and the other side came along offering \$5. It's a heavy blow to reform."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

We are told that a thief smashed a Fort Worth show window and stole a tray of diamonds. Why in the mischief didn't the fool take the men while he was about it?—Houston Post.

COAL PRODUCTION IN OHIO REDUCED ONE HALF DURING YEAR 1914 DUE TO A MINER'S STRIKE

Columbus, Dec. 22.—Ohio's coal production in 1914 was reduced to 18,736,407 tons, nearly one-half that of 1913, owing to the strike of the miners in April, 1914, and subsequent idleness of mines, according to a report made public today by the statistical bureau of the State industrial miners employed was 46,965 and the average pay of each miner for the year was only \$357.

Ohio's production was 4.4 per cent of the total bituminous coal output of the United States last year, although in 1913 it was 7.6 per cent, the report declares. Not since 1909 has the state's coal production been so little. Pick miners worked an average of 150 days in the year and leaders only 101 days. Many miners shared their day's work with others, so that the actual full day's employment for each man would be even less than the report shows, it is said.

There were 58 fatal accidents. Miss Edith Miller, assistant statistician, gathered the figures for the report mainly from coal operators. In April, May, June and July, 1914, less than 8,000 men were working and even in December only 28,000 had worked as compared with 43,000 in January, February and March, of 1914. The

NEW-YORK-DAY-BY-DAY

O-O-M-INTYRE.

New York, Dec. 22.—The first snow fall of the year caught New York as usual unprepared. Apartment house dwellers had the same old experience with icy apartments while the proprietors temporized about putting in a big supply of coal so early.

All the trains were stalled and commuters were forced to stay in town over night. Those who did get in had the exciting experience of leaving the house at 7 o'clock to catch a 6 o'clock train.

Arthur William Brown, the artist, was all prepared to do his Xmas buying on the day the snow came. He look at the storm and thought of the crowds in the stores. Then he handed the list and the money to his wife. "I am too proud," he said "to shop."

There is a man in New York who does a bit of travelling and one of his favorite amusements is to pick out amusing signs in hotels. On his last trip he discovered this one in the Gibson House in Cincinnati.

"Conventions do not interfere with the care of our regular patrons."

In the Hotel Cody in Grand Rapids, he found: "Will give you a bed regardless of conventions."

But the prize sign of all is to be found in the Hotel Hermitage in enlightened New York. It heralds to the world that it has: "The best bed for love or money."

Restaurant waiters, who believe that any person from out of town is what they are pleased to call a hick, have an odd way of separating the city folk from the bush league visitors.

If they can differentiate between the waiter and the omnibus, they are city broke. Probably a lot of folk who come to New York wouldn't know an omnibus if one jumped in their plate, but most of the meat a regular meal in contrast to the regular

New Yorker, who has a plate of soup and stands for an hour in the lobby picking his teeth. The floating population is all that keeps the big cafes from being visited by the sheriff.

Mrs. Roe, who manages the most exclusive tea dancet in New York, had occasion to order a Sunday newspaper at her hotel. When she got her bill, the amount for the newspaper was \$1.40.

Naturally she inquired into this latest little boost in the high cost of living. She discovered that the book-keeper had added the number of her room, 130, to the price of the paper 10 cents.

"There is one thing for which I am grateful," she sighed, "and that is that my room number is not 990. I just dote on ten dollar bills and like to keep them."

The Brooklyn Eagle is a stickler for accuracy. It says that Padewski has been coming to Brooklyn, for almost over a quarter of a century.

Elbert Hubbard's son, Bert, who is carrying out the Boyerolt work of his illustrious father at East Aurora, was in New York this week. He says the business has gone on just about the same and the only change has been the dropping of the little magazine The Philistine. Many urged him to take up the editorship but he considered that it was his father's personality that made the book and that it could not succeed without him.

He is thinking seriously of starting a health farm something akin to Muldoon and has been in conference with Dr. F. M. Planck, one of his father's close friends in Kansas City, regarding the venture.

Many of the late Hubbard's writings have never been published and the market afforded his various articles is quite remarkable.

MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW

A sluggish liver can cause a person an awful lot of misery. Spells of dizziness, headaches, constipation and biliousness are sure signs that your liver needs help. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills and see how they help tone up the whole system. Price for the stomach too. Aids digestion. Purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Only 25c at your Druggist.

Slating On Pond.

A recently made fill on the East commons at the head of Findlay street, is frozen over and North End youngsters are having great sport skating on the new pond.

Making It Plain.

The Mealey Hotel at Oelwein, Ia., says that all the railroad depots are "closely adjacent."

An Accommodating Governor.

Book Agent (entering governor's office): Pardon me, sir— Clement Governor (reaching for pardon slip): Certainly. What did you do?—Awgwan.

What They Were.

"Who can mention one leading fact about the Epistles?" asked the Sunday school teacher, looking over the class.

Johnny's hand went up. "Well, Johnny!"

"They were the wives of the apostles."—Exchange.

Reversion in Avafenna.

For the first time Laura, aged four, noticed the canary bird picking its head under its wing to go to sleep.

Calling to her mother the little girl said:

"Come and look at Dickie, mamma, he is trying to turn back into an egg again."—Youngstown Telegram.

We Presume Kellys Play the "Slide" Trombone.

The next big dance at Clermont Opera House will be Wednesday night, when Kelly Bros. will be here to furnish the music. There will be a large crowd, as Kelly seems to be about the best drawing card on the road.—Clermont, Ia., Enterprise.

That Surely Would Be Strong Evidence

For digging a skunk out of his hole, Lester Weimer, or near Hanoverton, was fined \$15 and costs in the court of C. F. Lense.

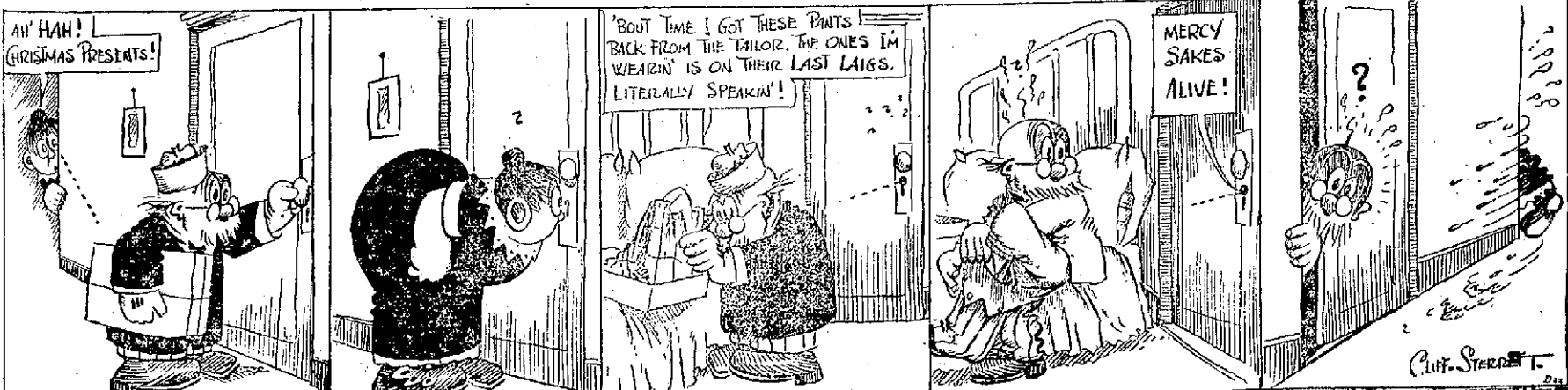
Digging, or destroying the burrow of a skunk is a direct violation of the law. The boy put the defense that he was digging for a fox, but this would not go in court as the evidence was too strong against him that it was a skunk he was after.—Salem Herald.

Read some Interesting High Water Facts on Page 4.

West End Cafe.

William Alcorn, who recently purchased the W. J. Builtman Company's local liquor store on Second street near Market, has changed the name of the place to the West End Cafe.

POLLY AND HER PALS



YES, EVERYBODY PANTS WITH CURIOSITY AT XMAS TIME.

DOCTORS GO ON RECORD FOR COUNTY HOSPITAL

Want Institution In Keeping With Progressive City

Members of the Hempstead Academy of Medicine, at a called meeting Tuesday afternoon, unanimously passed a resolution favoring the construction of a new modern hospital in this city, to include not less than 200 beds and facilities for caring for that number of patients.

The estimated cost of a hospital such as provided in the resolution is between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Discussion of proposed sites for the new institution occupied a portion of the time of the meeting, but the physicians did not seem much concerned over the site as they were over the possibility of securing a hospital commensurate with the city's needs. The question of site, they felt, could be taken up after the preliminary matters had been disposed of.

Sentiment among part of the physicians at the meeting was that the new hospital should be a county hospital instead of a city hospital. Various reasons were assigned for this. It is claimed that the present hospital is used by rural patients almost as much as by patients residing in the city, while it is also felt that politics will not be so evident in a county-managed institution.

The president was authorized to name a committee of three members to investigate the feasibility of making it a county institution. This committee will be named within the next few days.

In the meantime, the members of the Academy will use their best offices to crystallize sentiment all over the city in favor of a new hospital of modern construction and modern equipment, one that will serve the needs of the city for years to come, and at the same time, measure up favorably with the hospitals of other cities of the same size and larger.

In the event that the project materializes, many of the physicians favor the use of the present hospital as an institution where contagious diseases will be treated.

Meetings of the Academy will be held more frequently during the next few months to stimulate interest in the hospital project.

The next regular meeting of the Academy will be held early in January, while a called meeting is already considered for about the middle of January.

STREET CHOIR WILL BE OUT ON CHRISTMAS EVE

As the time approaches the interest of the members of the Second Presbyterian church chorus which will sing on the streets the night before Christmas increases in enthusiasm, and the event is being looked forward to with much eagerness.

John E. Williams and Judge Blair are looking after the accommodation of the two hundred or more singers who will be in the party, and plenty of auto trucks have been secured to care for all of them.

The chorus will leave the church about 11:30 o'clock, and will traverse a long and varied route, which will take them over the principal streets of the city, as well as many of the side streets where Christmas cheer will not be so much in evidence.

Stops will be made at the Home for Aged Women, the Y. W. C. A., the Hempstead hospital, the children's home, the county jail, the city prison, and other public and private institutions, and the inmates of each place will be treated to a serenade of Christmas songs and carols.

Some Interesting High Water Facts

Monday, Dec. 20th, 1916, water was over the new tow path to Union Mills.

The same day some of the flood valves were closed in Portsmouth.

So much false information has been handed to prospective home buyers as to water levels that we invite and urge any who may be interested to take a street car, or drive over paved streets to the new water works and ascertain the FACTS as to water levels at the Basham farm, now known as Idlewild, just west of the water works.

We feel that it is due those who are, or who may soon become, home owners in the most attractive and complete suburban addition that has ever been offered the people of Portsmouth, that they have the FACTS.

Perhaps it would be unreasonable to expect that our real estate competitors in less favored additions be entirely frank as to Idlewild, but false impressions have been spread and industriously circulated which we have felt more or less helpless to correct, or stop, until the Ohio river was ready to back us up!

NOW, today, the Ohio river is near 47 feet at Portsmouth. Go to see Idlewild, note the river at that point and YOU WILL FIND THAT IT WILL REQUIRE SOME TEN (10) FEET MORE RIVER TO PUT A DROP OF WATER ON THE LOWEST PART OF THE PROPERTY.

YOU WILL ALSO FIND THAT WHEN THE STREET RAILROAD HAS FINISHED RAISING ITS TRACKS THE THREE (3) feet proposed near water works that it will require about a 50 foot stage at Portsmouth to put any water on any part of Idlewild.

Most of us know what 50 feet means to all of Portsmouth outside of the hilltops and flood wall.

With a three (3) foot foundation the majority of homes in Idlewild will have the first floor practically level with the top of flood wall at Portsmouth and a large proportion much higher.

If any person interested in the facts is in any doubt, go and see—it's up to you.

And, would it be asking too much of our real estate friends either to verify this matter or cease any deception of persons interested in securing an attractive home at a very low price for the present. Idlewild is going fine. We do not doubt that it is a second Mt. Ararat, who would care to live on Mt. Ararat? We offer it as equal to the best city residence property.

This is certainly due our local buyers of residence real estate, if due no one else.

If a buyer is misled, turned from acquiring fine residence property with all city conveniences and comforts (and more than many sections of our city) at about one-half their true value; it will be their own fault unless they investigate, while the river is "up."

IDLEWILD REALTY CO.

Alan N. Jordan

L. C. Turley

Sciotoville Depot Damaged By Fire

Fire resulting from the explosion of a lamp badly damaged the interior of the waiting room at the N. & W. station at Sciotoville about five o'clock Tuesday evening.

Agent L. A. Powell, was at supper at the time of the fire and had not the flames been discovered by employees of the Curtis-Ward Contracting Company, with offices near the station, the building would have probably been destroyed.

The lamp hung on the waiting room wall near the ticket window. The lamp exploded and the oil which ran to the floor caught fire. The interior of the room was badly scorched. Fire extinguishers from the Curtis-Ward auto trucks were used to put out the fire.

The Hazlebeck company will insure you. 819 Gallia St. adv

Makes Escape From Workhouse Gang

Police officers have been instructed to round up Frank Craycraft, who escaped from the prison work-gang, while engaged in unloading a carload of alum at the city filtration plant Tuesday morning.

A search was made for Craycraft Tuesday night, but he could not be located. The other members of the gang, Al "Catsy" Sly and two negroes, Robert Patterson and Charles Jones, alias "Hustler," with the aid of the foreman, Remy Boynton, succeeded in unloading the car by evening. "Hustler" will not be sent to the workhouse for "boot-legging," as originally ordered, and instead will work out his fine.

INSTITUTE CLOSES; WAS A BIG SUCCESS

With a very enthusiastic meeting, followed by the election of officers, the Farmers' Institute held at the Clephong Pine Creek Baptist church near Powellville Monday and Tuesday, came to a close Tuesday afternoon. A large number attended the five sessions, although bad roads kept many away. The lectures by the state speakers, J. W. Nicodemus, of Van Wert county, C. H. Swan, of Wayne county, and Dr. Mary Anderson, of Clinton, O., were greatly enjoyed and helpful.

The afternoon program opened with J. W. Nicodemus giving a talk on "Why So Many Farms Are For Sale: The Building of Homes and Farm Values."

Mr. Nicodemus pointed out that many farms are going to waste when the owners become old and unable to take proper care of the land. He said that 14 per cent of the farms are now in the hands of real estate dealers, who are speculating with the property. Otto Zoellner discussed the subject in the place of John Duns.

"Commercial Fertilizers" was the subject talked upon by C. H. Swan. Manure, lime and wheat as fertilizers formed the subjects for short talks. A discussion was made by Henry Desterdick.

The concluding talk was made by Wesley Shels, of Degwood Ridge, who chose as his subject "Strawberry Culture." Mr. Shels gave a very interesting talk on the growing of strawberries, their culture and marketing.

At the election of officers the following were chosen: President, Floyd Spears; vice-president, W. J. Shannon; secretary, Eugene Lang; executive committee, James Thompson, John Oakes and William Evans. The officers have charge of arranging for a Farmers' Institute for next year.

OFFICERS NOMINATED BY PAINTERS UNION

Nominations of candidates for officers in Local No. 555, Painters and Paperhangers, for the coming year, featured the regular meeting of the local Tuesday evening at the Central Labor Council Hall.

The following nominations were made: President, Lee Ferguson; vice president, Robert Ury; Thomas Yarnell, recording secretary; William Rudy; financial secretary; Thomas Yarnell, Charles Grice; treasurer; Ernest Long; Charles Grice; wardens; Charles Dawson; Robert Ury; conductor; Charles Grice; trustee; J. A. Hoag; Lee Ferguson.

Further nominations can be made at the meeting next Tuesday evening, when the election will be held. Installation of officers will be held on the first Tuesday evening in January, and will be followed by a smoker.

Stock Co. Cancels

Manager Lee, of the Sun theater, received word Wednesday that the John Adair Stock Company would not be able to open its engagement at the Sun theater Christmas day on account of illness of some of the troupe. The show has been playing a number of weeks in Marion, O., and a greater part of their security was ready to come ahead, when sickness overtook several of the players of the leading parts. An effort is being made to book a show for Christmas.

Ask my customers about my work. Breimer, the Painter. 131

WATER IS OFF TOWPATH

RIVER STILL FALLING

The headquarters rise was passing Portsmouth Wednesday morning and while the Pittsburgh water was insufficient to boost the Ohio river here it was enough to keep it from falling rapidly.

The 7 o'clock reading of the local government gauge showed a stage of 44.7 ft. and falling slowly. It is expected that the river will begin a sharper decline by tonight. The backwater had en-

tirely disappeared from the Towpath save at the Elbow Look or the point connecting with the "Y" road, which is the lowest part of Wednesday morning was still several inches deep. It was said that the Towpath was not nearly as muddy as expected and travel began heavy bright and early. A number of wagon loads of Christmas trees came over the road into Portsmouth before daylight.

Wednesday's packet departures are announced as follows: Str. Klondike for Rome at 2 p. m.; Str. Greyhound for Huntington at 3 p. m. The packet Greyhound has just resumed her place in the Portsmouth-Huntington trade after receiving a general overhauling on the Point Pleasant, W. Va., docks.

Odd Indian Belief.
The Indians living near the celebrated Mesa Verde in southwestern Colorado hold in great awe the prehistoric dwellings of the Mancos valley, which are by far the finest and best preserved of any in the American southwest. They will not believe that it was Pueblo Indians, or any Indians in fact, who, so long ago that the oldest traditions describe them as they now are, carved these wonderful cities out of the cliffs. They believe that spirits built the cliff dwellings, and that spirits still inhabit them. They reverently call these spirits the "little people." For this reason it is difficult to induce Indians to approach the cliff dwellings.—Argonaut.

Not Clearly.
"Can Josephine take high C?"
"Not without knocking off some of the bark."—Boston Transcript.

Genes of Architecture.
The three buildings which are considered the finest examples of colonial architecture in the United States are the city hall in New York, the state house in Boston and Independence hall in Philadelphia.

A DUTY.
It is the first duty of the soul to be as happy, independent and great as lies in its power.—Masterlinck.

WANTED--- Girl for housework, at once. No washing. 1126 Second St.

EXCHANGE LETTERS ON STATE HIGHWAY FUNDS

The Times on Tuesday received the following letter from Clinton Cowen, state highway commissioner, in reference to a recent editorial:

Columbus, O., Dec. 20, 1915.
The Editor Portsmouth Times, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—A clipping has been handed me from your paper under date of December 14th, headed, "Such is the Law."

The article does not appear to be malicious, but is grossly incorrect. I note the statement that I am reported to have said "all the state aid that could be given Scioto county this year was \$15,000 from the automobile fund." This is not correct, and such statement was never made by me. The facts are as follows:

In the year 1914 the state road

levy was five-tenths of a mill. Governor Cox, anticipating a greatly increased valuation of property in Ohio, believed that the increase would be sufficient to warrant a reduction in the road levy from five-tenths of a mill to three-tenths of a mill and still obtain about the same total of funds for road building purposes. This, however, proved to be very much in error, and the difference between the road funds for 1914 and 1915 was about \$1,000, 000.00.

The present levy of three-tenths of a mill produced about \$2,167,945.00. This amount is divided by four, one-fourth of which makes up the main market fund and amounts to \$541,986.25. The other three-fourths, after deducting the operating expenses of the Department, is divided between the eighty-eight counties of the state, which this year amounts to about \$17,400.00 for each county. This is what is known as the inter-county road fund.

In addition to the above, the department received from the automobile fund \$680,000.00. The money thus derived, under the law, must be devoted to the repair and maintenance of state roads after they have once been improved.

I cannot say, at this time, what amount of state aid Scioto county will receive, but it is safe to say that the total amount received will be not far from twice the amount she contributes for state road purposes.

CLINTON M. COWEN, applying to Mr. Cowen, Vallee Harold, one of the editors of the Times, who wrote the editorial in question, has sent this rejoinder to Mr. Cowen:

December 21st, 1915.
Hon. Clinton Cowen, Columbus, O.
Dear Sir:—Your letter, in stricture of an editorial, "Entitled Such is the Law," appearing in the Portsmouth Daily Times, has been referred to me, because I am one of the editors of the Times and wrote the editorial, that I am sorry to feel you take such grievous exception.

In reply let me say at the very beginning, that there was absolutely no thought of your department in my mind, and so I am at a loss to understand why you should be so affronted by it to such an extent that you say: "It does not appear to be malicious, but it is grossly incorrect," more especially as practically a denial was made that you made the statement in reference to \$15,000 from the automobile fund. I can assume only that you were grossly careless in reading the article, to quote one of your own adjectives.

As a matter of fact, Chairman Thomas Watkins, who, by the way, is a Republican, did make statement that your Department had promised Scioto county \$15,000 from the automobile fund, as one hundred intellig-

ent citizens of this county, who prize their intelligence by the fact that they were assembled at a meeting called by the commissioners to consider in what manner a special road levy of over \$16,000, to run for five years, should be expended, and they unanimously voted it should go solely and entirely into brick highways, can testify. At the time I called Commissioner Watkins' attention to his evident mistake, and he told me this day he had so stated, but he is quite frank in admitting he may have been mistaken as to the fund from which the \$15,000 was to come.

Where then is there other statement in the article, that "does not appear to be malicious, but is grossly incorrect"? I must confess myself at equal loss here, so am again forced to assumption. I will take it then you refer to the estimate that Scioto county should get somewhere between \$25,000 and \$30,000 from the inter-county road fund, which you say is in amount "about \$17,000," which is hardly to be taken as a guess difference. Especially if you give me the privilege of lowering my estimate in the same proportion as you have raised yours since the statement made to Mr. Watkins.

But here is another difference tending to an equalization between us two. The newspaper editorial was figuring on what the county was to get next year, while, as I understand it you estimate on what it gets this year. For the increase of assessment, individual and corporate is said to be in round numbers five hundred million dollars, which should bring on a 3-10ths mill levy several thousand dollars more to each county.

It is unfortunate that in your expectation to what you assume is the incorrectness of another, you, yourself should fall into substantial error of assertion. Your letter, to make clear, carries this statement: "It is safe to say that the total amount received (by Scioto county) will be not far from twice the amount she contributes for state road purposes." You say this amount will be "about \$17,000." But the assessment for Scioto county last year was over fifty-five million dollars and on the 3-10ths mill levy that brings it a trifle over \$16,000, which, according to my arithmetic, is some more than half of "about \$17,000."

Can it be, though, that this particular statement isn't, in fact an error, but a clever intimation on your part, that it is not true, as has sifted down here, that you are going to give the bulk of the market road fund to Hamilton and Cuyahoga counties, and you are going to give Scioto county a good lump. I hope so, anyway, and let me impress on you, if I can, she deserves it. She is spending

ing nearly \$200,000 a year on roads, building the best, permanent roads made of the best brick, manufactured right here at home. Any-thing you may see she deserves and will hand her will certainly be narrated joyously in the paper, which I will say, approves of me signing myself, Yours with entire regard, VALLEE HAROLD.

The Movies

Clara Kimball Young and Wilton Luckaye in "Trilby" at Lyric Today and Tomorrow

A New York critic says: This is the greatest combination of artistic presentation, dramatic strength, and effective atmosphere ever shown in this country as a film. From these viewpoints, M. Tourneur has given us the greatest offering to date. "Trilby" places that genial gentleman definitely as a supreme master of the art of film production. Beautiful Clara Kimball Young has given us a portrayal which unfolds new depths in even this most popular star. Her "Trilby" will never be forgotten. She registered her emotions with an artistic touch that carried hidden strength. Her big scenes were truly wonderful. Mr. Luckaye's interpretation of "Svengali" has now been transferred to the films. To the millions, now, he will always stand as the "Svengali." Chester Barnett handled "Billie" in a manner which adds much to this young man's laurels. There was a quiet strength and appeal in his work which, registered strongly. The film is a supreme triumph for the great director. He has builded atmosphere that is perfect, he has carried us from one land to another with convincing effects, his dramatic tempo registered evenly throughout and builded to the big climax with perfect and impressive contrasts. The human touches inserted at just the right moments, along with exquisitely lighted bits of artistry, are enough to carry the appreciative members of an audience into ecstasies. By all means see "Trilby." As presented at the 44th Street theatre it naturally has the advantages of perfect music but this film will be a supreme success wherever shown. Today M. Tourneur is known in the trade as a master and a charming gentleman. Tomorrow he will be known to the millions as one of the greatest producers of films the world has known. "Trilby" is the sort of production to make even the uninitiated ask, "Who made it." Don't miss "Trilby" and when you see it remember to pay a little mental tribute to one, M. Tourneur.

FRENCH SOLDIERS DISEMBARKING AT GREEK PORT OF SALONICA



Despite the fact that the allies have been driven completely out of Serbia, French and British soldiers continue to land at the Greek port of Salonica, which they are using as a base in their Balkan campaign. Photo shows French soldiers who have just disembarked from the transports along the water front of the Greek city.